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Births.

BROWN.—February 12, at Windermere, Flinders-street, Moore Park, the wife of Geoffrey F. Brown—a son.

CAMP.—February 28, at the residence of her mother, 25 Bank-street, Woollahra, the wife of Syd. Camp, of a daughter, Elsie Sylvia Iris.

GRANGER.—March 10, at Homebush, the wife of C. H. Granger, of a son.

WILSON.—February 28, at Boolcoomatah, Armidale, the wife of W. Plumpton Wilson—a son.

Marriages.

STEVENSON—BOULTON.—March 10, 1902, at The Manse, by the Rev. Dr. Dill Macky, James Redman, son of John Redman Stevenson, of Nc. ortsead, Wigtownshire, Scotland, to Annie B., daughter of the late John Boulton, of Princes-street, city.

Deaths.

ALCOCK.—March 11, at his residence, Maidstone, Coogee Bay, Thomas Matthew Alcock, dearly beloved husband of Rose D. Alcock, after a long and painful illness, aged 54 years.

ALCOCK.—March 11, at his residence, Maidstone, Coogee Bay, dearly beloved father of G. T., T. M., and W. S. Alcock, and Mrs. A. Cameron.

CURGENVEN.—March 9, at 90 Nicholson-street, Molesworth, Ellen, wife of William Brenden Curgenven, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.

DAVIS.—March 11, at his residence, 1 Melbourne-terrace, Drummond-street, Carlton, Melbourne, Woolf Davis, dearly beloved father of Mrs. P. Philippstein. aged 73 years.

DELANEY.—At Royal Hotel, Mount Victoria, Nicholas, dearly beloved husband of Clara Delaney, in his 64th year. Funeral at Blackheath this afternoon.

FITZHERSKEY.—February 20, 1902, at the residence of his adopted granddaughter, Mrs. John Putland, at Spring Vale, Gundagai, New South Wales, James Fitzhersky, native of Ipswich, England, aged 87 years and 9 months. Victorian and home papers please copy.

MATTHES.—March 10, 1902, at Prince Alfred Hospital, Henry Matthes, the beloved father of Mabel Matthes.

MOORE.—February 28, at Standerton, South Africa, of enteric fever, Arnold Henry Moore, of the Johannesburg Mounted Rifles, aged 23 years, the youngest son of James Moore, of Sadlier's-crescent, Petersham.

SAVAGE.—March 11, at her parents' residence, 827 George-street, Sydney, Gladys Walden Savage, the dearly beloved infant daughter of Thomas and Emma Savage. Ours still in heaven. English papers please copy.

THOMPSON.—March 9, Gertrude Windeyer Thompson, in her 67th year.

In Memoriam.

CHAMBERLAIN.—In sad and loving remembrance of my dear wife, Rose Chamberlain, who died March 12, 1899, aged 68 years.

Gone from me, but leaving memory,
Death can never take away;
Memory that will with me linger
While on earth I stay.

Inserted by her loving husband, William Chamberlain.

CHAMBERLAIN.—In loving memory of my dear mother, Rose Chamberlain, who departed this life at Double Bay, 12th March, 1899. Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law. Dead, but not forgotten. Susie and Harry Pearce.

CHAMBERLAIN.—In fond and loving remembrance of our dear grannie, Rose Chamberlain, who died at her late residence, Clara Terrace, Double Bay, on March 12, 1899, aged 68 years.

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Never shall your memory fade,
Sweetest thoughts shall ever linger
Round our darling grannie's grave.

Inserted by her loving grandchildren, James, Mary, Charlie, Jack, and Rose Hinchey.

CHAMBERLAIN.—In loving memory of our dear grandmother, Rose Chamberlain, who departed this life at Double Bay, March 12, 1899. Dead, but not forgotten. Inserted by her loving grandchildren, Susie, Lizzie, Harry, and Sidney Pearce.

COHEN.—In loving memory of Reginald George, eldest son of Clement and Blanche Cohen, died at Balmain, March 12th, 1898. Inserted by his loving parents.

DOLLIS.—In loving memory of our dear father, John Dollis, who departed this life March 12, 1901. At rest. Inserted by his daughter and son-in-law, M. and J. C. Bartlett.

DOWER.—In loving memory of my dear son and brother, John, who departed this life on the 10th of March, 1901, in Prince Alfred Hospital, of pneumonia, aged 17 years and 9 months. Inserted by his loving father, mother, sister, and brothers.

MORTLEY.—In loving memory of my dear sister, Elsie Virginia, who died at Woolwich, Liverpool-road, Summer Hill, March 12th, 1901. Inserted by her loving sister, S. Whitehead.

NEWMAN.—In loving memory of my dear husband, Richard Newman, who departed this life March 12th, 1901. Inserted by his loving wife and children.

RICHARDS.—In loving memory of my dear husband, Walter P. Richards, who was killed while in the execution of his duty at Spring Vale, Botany, on the 12th March, 1900. Inserted by his loving wife, Diana Richards, and children, Lilly, William, Vera, and Walter Richards.

WALKER.—In loving memory of (Tottie) Winifred M. A., died March 10, 1901; also of Edith Louisa, Mildred Louise, and Robert Gordon, dearly loved children of Alfred and Emily Jane Walker. Inserted by their parents and brothers, Abbey and Fred.

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By order of the Board.
LEONARD DODDS, Manager.

Sydney, February 27th, 1902.

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NOTICE is hereby given that a CALL, the 16th, of Threepence per share has been made upon all the Shares in the above Company, payable at the Registered Office of the Company, Universal-buildings, Grenfell-street, Adelaide, on WEDNESDAY, 12th March, 1902.

By Order of the Board,
JOHN S. SCOTT, Secretary.

Adelaide, 26th February, 1902.

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ALEX. CAMPBELL,
Council Clerk.

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185	Owner, land, Kemble-st., lot 94	3 10 0
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THE FOUR FEATHERS.

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CHAPTER I.
A CRIMEAN NIGHT.

Lieutenant Sutch was the first of General Feversham's guests to reach Broad Place. He arrived about 5 o'clock on an afternoon of sunshine in mid June, and the old red brick house lodged on a southern slope of the Surrey hills was glowing from a dark forest depth of pines with the warmth of a rare jewel. Lieutenant Sutch limped across the hall where the portraits of the Fevershams rose, one above the other, to the ceiling, and out on to the stone-flagged terrace at the back. He found his host sitting erect like a boy and gazing southward towards the Sussex Downs.

"How's the leg?" asked General Feversham, as he rose briskly from his chair. He was a small wiry man, and, in spite of his white hairs, alert. But the alertness was of the body. A bony face with a high narrow forehead and steel-blue inexpressive eyes gave a suggestion of barrenness.

"It gave me trouble during the winter," replied Sutch, "but that was to be expected." General Feversham nodded, and for a little while both men were silent. From the terrace the ground fell steeply to a wide level plain of brown earth and emerald fields and dark clumps of trees. From this plain voices rose through the sunshine, small but very clear. Far away towards Horsham a coil of white smoke from a train snaked rapidly in and out amongst the trees; and on the horizon patched with white chalk rose the Downs.

"I thought that I should find you here," said Sutch.

"It was my wife's favourite corner," answered Feversham in a quite emotionless voice. "She would sit here by the hour. She had a queer liking for wide and empty spaces."

"Yes," said Sutch. "She had imagination. Her thoughts could people them."

General Feversham glanced at his companion as though he hardly understood. But he asked no questions. What he did not understand he habitually let slip from his mind as not worth comprehension. He spoke at once upon a different topic.

"There will be a leaf out of our table to-night."

"Yes. Collins, Barberton and Vaughan went this winter. Well, we are all permanently shelved upon the world's half-pay list as it is. The obituary column is just the last formality which gazettes us out of the service altogether," and Sutch stretched out and eased his crippled leg, which 14 years ago that day had been crushed and twisted in the fall of a scaling ladder.

"I am glad that you came before the others," continued Feversham. "I would like to take your opinion. This day is more to me than the anniversary of our attack upon the Redan. At the very moment when we were standing under arms in the dark——"

"To the west of the Quarries, I remember," interrupted Sutch with a deep breath. "How should one forget?"

"At that very moment Harry was born in this house. I thought therefore that if you did not object, he might join us to-night. He happens to be at home. He will of course enter the service, and he might learn something perhaps which afterwards will be of use—one never knows."

"By all means," said Sutch with alacrity. For since his visits to General Feversham were limited to the occasion of these anniversary dinners, he had never yet seen Harry Feversham.

Sutch had for many years been puzzled as to the qualities in General Feversham which had attracted Muriel Graham, a woman as remarkable for the refinement of her intellect as for the beauty of her person; and he could never find an explanation. He had to be content with his knowledge that for some mysterious reason she had married this man so much older than herself, and so unlike to her in character. Personal courage and an indomitable self-confidence were the chief, indeed the only qualities which sprang to light in him. Lieutenant Sutch went back in thought over 20 years as he sat on his garden chair to a time before as an officer of the Naval Brigade he had taken part in that unsuccessful onslaught on the Redan. He remembered a season in London to which he had come fresh from the China station; and he was curious to see Harry Feversham. He did not admit that it was more than the natural curiosity of a man who, disabled in comparative youth, had made a hobby out of the study of human nature. He was interested to see whether the lad took after his mother or his father—that was all.

So that night Harry Feversham took a place at the dinner-table and listened to the stories which his elders told, while Lieutenant Sutch watched him. The stories were all of that dark winter in the Crimea, and a fresh story was always in the telling before its predecessor was ended. They were stories of death, of hazardous exploits; of the pinch of famine and the chill of snow. But they were told in clipped words and with a matter-of-fact tone, as though the men who related them were only conscious of them as far-off things; and there was seldom a comment more pronounced than a mere "That's curious," or an exclamation more significant than a laugh.

But Harry Feversham sat listening as though the incidents thus carelessly narrated were happening actually at that moment and within the walls of that room. His dark eyes—the eyes of his mother—turned with each story from speaker to speaker, and waited, wide open and fixed, until the last word was spoken. He listened fascinated and enthralled. And so vividly did the changes of expression shoot and quiver across his face, that it seemed to Sutch the lad must actually hear the drone of bullets in the air, actually participate in the shock of a charge, actually ride down in the thick of a squadron to where guns screeched out a tongue of flame from a fog. Once a major of artillery spoke of the suspense of the hours between the parading of the troops before a battle, and the first command to advance; and Harry's shoulders worked under the intolerable strain of those lagging minutes.

But he did more than work his shoulder. He threw a single furtive wavering glance backwards across it; and Lieutenant Sutch was startled, was indeed pained, for this, after all, was Muriel Graham's boy.

The look was too familiar a one to Sutch. He had seen it too often on the faces of recruits during their first experience of a battle for him to misunderstand it. And one picture in particular rose before his mind. An advancing square at Inkerman, and a tall big soldier rushing forward from the line in the eagerness of his attack, and then stopping suddenly as though he suddenly understood that he was alone, and had to meet alone the charge of a mounted Cossack. Sutch remembered very clearly the fatal wavering glance which the big soldier had thrown backwards towards his companions, a glance accompanied by a queer sickly smile. He remembered, too, with equal vividness, its consequence. For though the soldier carried a loaded musket and a bayonet locked to the muzzle, he had, without an effort of self-defence, received the Cossack's lance-thrust in his throat.

Sutch glanced hurriedly about the table afraid that General Feversham, or that some one of his guests, should have remarked the same look and the same smile upon Harry's face. But no one had eyes for the lad, each visitor was waiting too eagerly for an opportunity to tell a story of his own. Sutch drew a breath of relief and turned to Harry. But the boy was sitting with his elbows on the cloth and his head propped between his hands, lost to the glare of the room and its glitter of silver, constructing again a world of cries and wounds, and maddened riderless chargers, and men writhing in a fog of cannon-smoke, out of the swift succession of anecdotes. The earliest, least graphic description of the biting days and nights in the trenches set the lad shivering. Even his face grew pinched as though the iron frost of that winter was actually eating into his bones. Sutch touched him lightly on the elbow.

"You renew those days for me," said he. "Though the heat is dripping down the windows I feel the chill of the Crimea."

Harry roused himself from his absorption.

"The stories renew them," said he.

"No. It is you listening to the stories."

And before Harry could reply General Feversham's voice broke sharply in from the head of the table.

"Harry, look at the clock"

At once all eyes were turned upon the lad. The hands of the clock made the acutest of angles. It was close upon midnight, and from eight o'clock without so much as a word or a question he had sat at the dinner-table listening. Yet even now he rose with reluctance.

"Must I go, father?" he asked, and the General's guests intervened in a chorus. The conversation was clear gain to the lad, a first taste of powder which might stand him in good stead.

"Besides, it's the boy's birthday," added the Major of Artillery. "He wants to stay, that's plain. You wouldn't find a youngster of fourteen sit all these hours without a kick of the foot against the table leg, unless the conversation entertained. Let him stay, Feversham!"

For once General Feversham relaxed the iron discipline under which the boy lived.

"Very well," said he. "Harry shall have an hour's furlough from his bed. A single hour won't make much difference."

Harry's eyes turned towards his father, and just for a moment rested upon his face with a curious steady gaze. It seemed to Sutch that they uttered a question, and rightly or wrongly he interpreted the question into words.

"Are you blind?"

But General Feversham was already talking to his neighbours, and Harry quietly sat down, and again propping his chin upon his hands, listened with all his soul. Yet he was not amused; he was enthralled, he sat quiet under the compulsion of a spell. His face grew unnaturally white, his eyes unnaturally large, while the flares of the candles shone red and more blurred through a blue haze of tobacco smoke and the level of the wine grew steadily lower in the decanters.

Thus half of that one hour's furlough was passed; and then General Feversham himself, jogged by the unlucky mention of a name, suddenly blurted out in his jerky fashion:

"Lord Wilmington. One of the best names in England, if you please. Did you ever see his house in Warwickshire? Every inch of the ground you would think, would have a voice to bid him play the man if only in remembrance of his fathers. . . . It seemed incredible and mere camp rumour, but the rumour grew. If it was whispered at the Alma, it was spoken aloud at Inkerman, it was shouted at Balaclava. Before Sebastopol, the hideous thing was proved. Wilmington was acting as galloper to his General. I believe, upon my soul, the General chose him for the duty, so that the fellow might set himself right. There were three hundred yards of bullet-swept flat ground and a message to be carried across them. Had Wilmington toppled off his horse on the way, why then were the whispers silenced for ever. Had he ridden through alive there was distinction besides. But he didn't dare, he refused! Imagine it if you can! He sat shaking on his horse and declined. You should have seen the General. His face turned the colour of that Burgundy. 'No doubt you have a previous engagement,' he said, in the politest voice you ever heard—just that, not a word of abuse. A previous engagement on the battle-field! For the life of me I could hardly help laughing. But it was a tragic business for Wilmington. He was broken of course, and slunk back to London. Every house was closed to him, he dropped out of his circles like a lead bullet you let slip out of your hand into the sea. The very women in Piccadilly spat if he spoke to them; and he blew his brains out in a back bedroom off the Haymarket. Curious that, eh? He hadn't the pluck to face the bullets when his name was at stake, yet he can blow his own brains out."

Lieutenant Sutch chanced to look at the clock as the story came to an end. It was now a quarter to one. Harry Feversham had still a quarter of an hour's furlough, and that quarter of an hour was occupied by a retired Surgeon-General with a great wagging beard, who sat nearly opposite to the boy.

"I can tell you an incident still more curious," he said. "The man in this case had never been under fire before, but he was of my own profession. Life and death were part of his business. Nor was he really in any particular danger. The affair happened during a hill campaign in India. We were encamped in a valley, and a few Pathans used to lie out on the hillside at night and take long shots into the camp. A bullet ripped through the canvas of the hospital tent—that was all. The surgeon crept out to his own quarters and his orderly discovered him half an hour afterwards lying in his blood stone-dead."

"Hit," exclaimed the Major.

"Not a bit of it," said the surgeon. "He had quietly opened his instrument case in the dark, taken out a lancet, and severed his femoral artery. Sheer panic, do you see, at the whistle of a bullet."

Even upon these men, case-hardened to horrors, the incident related in its bold simplicity wrought its effect. From some there broke a half-uttered exclamation of disbelief; others moved restlessly in their chairs with a sort of physical discomfort, because a man had sunk so far below humanity. Here an officer gulped his wine, there a second shook his shoulders as though to shake the knowledge off as a dog shakes water. There was not one in all that company who sat perfectly still in the silence which followed upon the story—except one. That one was the boy Harry Feversham.

(To be continued.)

"NO OTHER WAY."

For the present the publication of the late Sir Walter Besant's tale, "No Other Way," is suspended.

EARTHQUAKES IN MEXICO.

GREAT DESTRUCTION.

One of the most terrible catastrophes in the history of the State of Guerrero, Mexico, is reported by the San Francisco "Chronicle" to have occurred on the afternoon of January 16, when an extremely violent earthquake shock was felt at Chilpancingo, causing a great loss of life and injuring many persons. Probably 300 persons were killed, and as many more injured. It is known that the State capital, the parish church, and many business houses and residences are in ruins, and that there is much suffering as a result of the awful seismic disturbances, one of the edifices that suffered most was the federal telegraph office. The telegraph lines and apparatus at Chilpancingo were badly damaged, but the employees, all of whom were uninjured, quickly proceeded to erect an improvised telegraph office on the outskirts of the city. The number of deaths was greater in the parish church than in any single place, as a crowd of worshippers was gathered there for the afternoon service. The solid masonry walls and the roof came toppling down upon the worshippers, and many of those within were killed. The War Department has ordered troops in the neighbourhood to commence the work of rescue. Until this work is complete it will be impossible to accurately learn the number of victims. It is believed, however, that this is one of the most destructive seismic phenomena that have occurred in Mexico. After the earthquake the greater part of the population of Chilpancingo camped out under tents around the town, which is five days' journey from the national capital. Earthquake shocks were also felt in many cities and towns. In the city of Mexico the earthquake occurred at 5.17 o'clock on January 16, and was of such violence as to shake the most substantial buildings. The Pan-American Congress was in session at the time, and many of the delegates were greatly alarmed. The State of Guerrero has always been the focus of seismic disturbances. The shock was very severe at Chilapa. The duration of the Chilpancingo shock was less than that in the city of Mexico, having lasted 50 seconds, against 55 seconds at the capital. The earthquake was also intense at Iguala, in the State of Guerrero, destroying the parish church and many buildings in the city and neighbourhood. Among the latter was the sugar mill of General Friebie, an American. The mill had just been completed and fitted up with American machinery at a cost of 200,000 dols. The property loss is immense throughout the State of Guerrero.

A telegram from the city of Mexico on January 18 stated:—Chilpancingo, the capital of the State of Guerrero, has had two days of indescribable panic and consternation, for yesterday there came a repetition of the earthquake shock of Thursday, destroying many houses spared in the first earthquake. The people are camping out on the alameda and in the fields. Hundreds of families are ruined. The loss of life is much less than at first reported. The latest telegram from Chilpancingo places the number killed at eight and the injured at five. Among the latter is the Governor, who is only slightly hurt. The buildings destroyed include the barracks of the Seventeenth Battalion, from which the soldiers were marched out quickly, thus saving their lives. The school buildings were wrecked, but luckily the children were all saved, their teachers having the rare presence of mind to give the order for them to march to the street when the first trembling of the earth began on Thursday. The parish church, which was being repaired, having been injured in a recent earthquake, was destroyed. When the shock began the church was nearly filled with worshippers, who fled in dismay, women being knocked down by men in the wild rush. Fortunately, all had gained the street when the heavy arches fell in. It is believed every one escaped. The soldiers are removing the debris, which is piled in great heaps. Governor Mora and his secretary rushed from the State Palace in time to save themselves, and proceeded to aid the wounded and panic-stricken people. The statue of General Nicholas Bravo was thrown down, and the town Government building was so badly cracked that its fall is momentarily expected. Great fissures run across the streets. The Church of San Mateo, in one of the outer districts, was nearly destroyed. At the town of Clipa many buildings were wrecked and three persons were killed outright, while four were injured. In the towns of Tixla and Marchitlan many buildings were cracked. At Igla several buildings fell in, and there was general wreckage in shops. At Zumpango del Pio three persons were badly injured, and the prison, Town Hall, school and court buildings are wrecked. The whole region affected by the earthquakes has been the seat of marked seismic movements for several years.

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LAW REPORT.

TUESDAY, MARCH 11.

BANCO COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Stephen and a jury of four.)

ALLEGED SLANDER AND ASSAULT.

Everson v. Daly.

Mr. R. Colonna-Close and Mr. Teece, instructed by Mr. E. R. Abigail, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. James, instructed by Messrs. Crick and Carroll, for the defendant. This was an action brought by Mary Ann Everson against Michael Daley to recover compensation for a slander alleged to have been uttered by the defendant, and also for assault. The case for the plaintiff was that on the afternoon of March 13 last year she was walking along Harris-street, Ultimo, with a friend, when they saw defendant, who is a constable, standing outside a fruit shop reading a newspaper. Plaintiff asked him how a certain case was getting on which was then proceeding. Defendant replied that it was going on all right. Plaintiff then asked defendant, "Who is in the box?" and the defendant replied describing the person referred to by using an opprobrious expression. Plaintiff then said, "If she is, she is one of your own." Defendant, according to plaintiff, then used the same offensive expression to her, which was the slander complained of. Later on, in Allen-street, defendant seized plaintiff by the arm and asked what she wished to extort about his mother, and added, "What is my mother?" Plaintiff replied, "A lady," and upon the defendant asking, "What sort of lady?" plaintiff replied, "A society lady." In cross-examination plaintiff admitted that she had brought an action against the defendant in the District Court for false imprisonment, and was nonsuited. She also admitted that later on, on the 13th instant, defendant arrested her in St. John's-lane on a charge of riotous behaviour, but the charge was withdrawn, and defendant consented to the payment of £10 10s and £3 3s costs. For the slander and assault complained of £50 was claimed.

Defendant gave evidence positively denying that he used the words attributed to him. When plaintiff asked him who was in the box defendant replied, "Whom do you think?" and plaintiff, evidently mistaking what he had said, used an insulting expression about defendant's mother. Subsequently, as the plaintiff kept on repeating the expression and acted in a riotous manner in Allen-street, and also refused to give her name and address, he, in the execution of his duty, arrested her. The case was, however, withdrawn, and defendant consented to £10 10s and £3 3s costs because he was unable to get his witnesses to come to the court, and plaintiff had threatened to bring an action against him. Defendant's version of what occurred was corroborated by another witness, and evidence was also given that it was agreed that when the police withdrew the charge against plaintiff, and defendant consented to pay £10 10s and £3 3s costs, it should be deemed a settlement of the whole matter between plaintiff and defendant. It was also stated that plaintiff, at the time, expressed her satisfaction, in the presence of the Rev. Mr. Bowers, at the settlement, and that the money was subsequently paid to her solicitor.

Plaintiff was called in reply, and said that she did not accept the settlement of the Police Court case as a settlement of her cause of action against the defendant, and, she did not know that the money had been paid until some time afterwards, when her attorney wrote to her asking her to call for the £10 10s.

His Honor, in summing up, said he regretted very much that the case had taken up three hours of the time of the Court, because the case could have been effectually disposed of in the District Court, and might have been disposed of altogether if this claim for alleged slander and assault had been made when the action for false imprisonment was brought in the District Court. The present cause of action, if it existed at all, existed then, and it might have been a lided to the District Court action. As to the first count of the plaintiff's declaration, if the jury found that the words were used, they would also consider whether they were words of vulgar abuse. If they were defendant would be entitled to a verdict. Then, quite apart from that question, they would also have to consider whether the words were used on an occasion when the plaintiff's character was not likely to be injured.

The jury returned a verdict for the defendant on both counts, and as to the first they found specially that the words were used merely in an abusive manner.

His Honor said he perfectly agreed with the verdict of the jury. He deprecated the bringing of such actions in the Supreme Court, but he thought there would be no remedy until the attorneys who brought them were made responsible for the costs. The action ought not to have been brought in the Supreme Court at all, and if he could make the attorney pay the costs he would do so.

INJURY THROUGH A TRAM ACCIDENT.

Hogan v. Railway Commissioners.

Mr. Colonna-Close and Mr. Teece, instructed by Mr. E. R. Abigail, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Reid, K.C., and Mr. C. B. Stephen, instructed by Mr. C. C. Thom (Solicitor to the Railway Commissioners), for the defendants. This was an action brought by Michael Hogan, cabdriver, against the Commissioners for Railways to recover compensation for injuries sustained by him and damage done to his cab and harness owing, as he alleged, to the negligence of the defendants' servants. His case was that on October 14 last about 7 o'clock a.m. he was driving a horse attached to a cab down George-street, and upon reaching Hunter-street he pulled round for the purpose of passing down Hunter-street in order to reach the cab stand in Pitt-street. While crossing the line an electric tram came up George-street from the direction of Circular Quay, but instead of pulling up at the northern side of Hunter-street, which was the usual stopping-place, the driver of the tram came on. Plaintiff called out to him, but it was too late, and the tram ran into plaintiff's vehicle, and he was thrown into the roadway and sustained serious injury, including damage to the spine. He was an inmate of the Sydney Hospital for nine days, and afterwards underwent treatment for medical attendance. Plaintiff said that he was likely to suffer permanent injury, which would incapacitate him from following his usual calling. Damages were laid at £2000.

The defendants pleaded not guilty.

The case stands part heard.

NO. 1 JURY COURT.

Before Mr. Acting Justice Pring and a jury of 12.)

ALLEGED WRONGFUL CANCELLATION OF A CONTRACT.

£48,000 DAMAGES CLAIMED.

Wadey v. Mort's Dock and Engineering Company, Limited.

Mr. Want, K.C., Mr. J. L. Campbell, and Mr. Shand, instructed by Mr. Henry White, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Wise, K.C. (Attorney-General), Mr. Pilcher, K.C., and Mr. Broomfield, instructed by Messrs. Minter, Simpson, and Co., for the defendants. This was a case in which Charles Wadey, a contractor, sued Mort's Dock and Engineering Company, Limited, to recover £48,000 damages for loss alleged to have been sustained by him in consequence of the wrongful cancellation of his contract with the defendant company for the construction of a graving dock and the forfeiture of his deposit, retention money, and plant. The plaintiff, in his declaration, stated that it was mutually agreed under his contract with the defendant company that as soon as practicable after the date of the execution of the agreement the defendant company would give to the plaintiff possession, within the meaning of the contract, of a certain portion of the site of the proposed dock, and would from time to time, as soon as the firm of Solomon and Bell should have completed certain work, give to the plaintiff possession of such portions of the said site as were previously occupied by them, so as to enable the plaintiff to carry out his contract with the defendant company within the time provided and without extra cost or expense to the plaintiff. It was a further term of the contract that if during the progress of the work the defendants' manager became dissatisfied with the mode of proceeding or rate of progress of the work, he should have full power and authority to put an end to the contract. He did become so dissatisfied, and acting under the powers deliberately conferred upon him by the parties he cancelled the contract; plaintiff's deposit and all the plant, &c., on the site of the work becoming, as the defendant company alleged, forfeited. Plaintiff declared that the alleged dissatisfaction of the manager and the alleged unsatisfactory mode of proceeding and rate of progress of the work were caused, if at all, by the default of the defendants in neglecting and refusing to give and hindering the plaintiff from obtaining possession of the site of the dock for the purpose of carrying on the work by plaintiff, and in supplying certain incorrect plans for the purpose of the work of the plaintiff and otherwise.

The defendant company denied the alleged breaches of the agreement complained of, and in answer to the other statements by the plaintiff averred that the plaintiff was not always ready and willing to perform his part to the contract according to the terms thereof, but on the contrary he did not proceed with reasonable speed, whereupon the company as it had a right to do cancelled the contract.

Mr. Want, K.C., continued and concluded his opening address to the jury, and plaintiff then went into the box. At about 3 o'clock the jury went to Woolwich for a view, and the further hearing was adjourned to the following day.

(Before Mr. Justice Cohen and a Jury of 4.)

CLAIM FOR DAMAGES TO PREMISES.

Vaughan v. Webb.

Mr. Gannon and Mr. Ferguson, instructed by Messrs. M'Donell and Moffit, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Pilcher, K.C., and Mr. C. B. Stephen, instructed by the Acting Crown Solicitor, for the defendant. This was an action brought by Thomas Joseph Vaughan against Alfred Webb, Superintendent of Fire Brigades, to recover compensation for damage to plaintiff's premises, caused, as he alleged, by the negligence of the defendant or his servants in the pulling down of a wall. Plaintiff's case was that he carried on business at 766 George-street as a draper and men's mercer, and that in July last the disastrous fire at Anthony Hordern's, it was thought desirable to demolish the northern wall of the building which adjoined plaintiff's shop. The wall in question was 4ft. thick, and, according to plaintiff's contention, it was unnecessary to pull it down, as it was perfectly safe. However, holes were bored into the bricks and cement, and dynamite was used to demolish the wall, but with very little effect, and the work was eventually accomplished by the use of steam power and strong cables. Plaintiff said that during the operation of blasting his premises were injured, and subsequently when the wall came down portions fell upon and seriously damaged the roof. The result was that plaintiff was prevented from using the premises to the same extent as before, and had lost the profits which he otherwise would have made. He estimated his damages at £800.

The defendant denied the negligence charged, and also pleaded not guilty by statute 47 Victoria, No. 3.

The case still stands part heard.

IN EQUITY.

(Before Mr. Justice A. H. Simpson, Chief Judge.)

A PARTNERSHIP DISPUTE.

Brindley v. Scott (part heard).

Mr. J. H. Want, K.C., and Dr. Cullen, instructed by Mr. F. C. Boys, appeared for the plaintiff, John Walter Brindley, and Mr. Pilcher, K.C., and Mr. Street, instructed by Messrs. Norton, Smith, and Co., appeared for the defendant, Gavin Scott.

This case, which has occupied the attention of the Court for some days, still stands as part heard.

(Before Mr. Justice Walker.)

A COMPANY WOUND UP.

Mr. Rich, instructed by Messrs. Shorter and Sons (agents for Mr. G. C. Driffield, of Condobolin), applied for an order for the winding up of the Condobolin Gold-mining and Quartz-crushing Company, No Liability. There being no opposition to the petition, his Honor made the order as prayed, and appointed Mr. W. H. Palmer as official liquidator.

PROBATE COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Walker, Probate Judge.)

SUIT CONCERNING A WILL.

(Part heard.)

Perpetual Trustee Company v. Watson and another.

The Attorney-General (Mr. Wise, K.C.), Mr. Want, K.C., and Mr. Broomfield, instructed by Mr. J. R. Baxter Bruce, appeared for the plaintiff company; Mr. Shand and Mr. Kelynack, instructed by Mr. T. J. Dickson, appeared for the defendant Watson; and Mr. Leverrier and Mr. Waddell, instructed by Messrs. King and Schrader, for the defendant Cook. The was a suit brought by the Perpetual Trustee Company, Limited, as executors of the will of James Watson, deceased, against Flora Watson and Jemima Cook, for an order that probate of the will of deceased might be granted to it as executor.

The addresses of counsel were not concluded when the Court adjourned for the day.

DIVORCE COURT.

(Before the Chief Judge in Divorce, Mr. G. B. Simpson.)

HEARING OF CAUSES.

Tofler v. Tofler.

Mr. L. Armstrong, instructed by Mr. L. Levy, appeared for the petitioner. The respondent did not appear. This was a suit by Jacob Tofler for a dissolution of his marriage with Annie Tofler, formerly Cohen, on the ground of desertion. The marriage took place in London in September, 1877, according to the rites of the Jewish Church, and petitioner said he came to New South Wales in the year 1890, his wife coming hither some two years later. On one day, about the year 1894, he went home, and found his wife packing up, the furniture having been sold. Respondent said she would not stop there. Witness afterwards saw his wife and daughter off for London by one of the German steamers. He then asked respondent not to go, but she insisted on doing so. He got the last letter which he received from her she said she would not return to him. This was between two and three years ago. His Honor granted a decree nisi, returnable in six months.

Dowse v. Dowse.

Mr. Ralston brought under the notice of his Honor the case of George Willoughby Dowse, a theatrical manager, who was petitioning for a dissolution of his marriage with Alice Mary Dowse on the ground of her adultery with Reginald L. Sheldrick, who was joined as co-respondent. Mr. Ralston asked that the case might be listed for hearing during the present sitting, and as early as possible. Petitioner, he explained, was an actor, and had made arrangements to open a theatrical season in Sydney, but owing to the theatre being closed in consequence of an outbreak of plague he was prevented from commencing the season. Under these circumstances the petitioner had made arrangements to start a theatrical season in another State, and he would not be in Sydney when the next sitting of the Court was held. Mr. Ralston said the case would not last long, as the suit was undefended.

His Honor directed Mr. Ralston to file an affidavit on the matter.

This was done at a later period of the day. The affidavit of the petitioner set forth that he had arranged to produce several plays during the next three months, and to that end he engaged a company of 20 performers, but owing to the closing of the Criterion Theatre, where he had arranged to produce the plays, he was compelled, in order to enable the members of the company to earn their salaries, to start on tour in the other States with the company. This arrangement would prevent him remaining in Sydney in time to attend the next divorce sittings. One of his principal witnesses was now in Melbourne, and he (petitioner) was afraid that if the case was adjourned beyond the next sittings it was possible petitioner might lose the services of the witness in question. Both respondent and the co-respondent had been personally served, but had not entered an appearance, notwithstanding they were resident in Sydney at the present time.

His Honor agreed to place the case at the end of the present list, but before the suit of Lance v. Lance.

Leithbridge v. Leithbridge.

Mr. Whitfeld, instructed by Mr. F. R. Cowper, appeared for John Copland King Leithbridge, a drover, who sought a dissolution of his marriage with Alice Agnes Leithbridge on the ground of her adultery with Walter Black, who was joined as co-respondent. The case first came before his Honor in the December sittings of the Divorce Court, when the case was adjourned to the present sittings. His Honor found against the respondent, but held that there was not sufficient evidence on the question of domicile to warrant him in dissolving the marriage. He, however, reserved his decision on the question as to whether he had power to grant a decree for a judicial separation.

Maloney v. Maloney.

Mr. E. H. Gardiner appeared for the petitioner, John Maloney, who sought for a dissolution of his marriage with Bridget Maloney, formerly O'Donnell, on the ground that respondent had been a habitual drunkard for three years and upwards, and had habitually neglected her domestic duties. The respondent, who appeared in person, denied the charges made against her, and said that the petitioner had been guilty of cruelty towards her. She therefore prayed that the petition be rejected, and asked for a judicial separation, also to be given the custody of the children born of the marriage. The petitioner denied the allegation of cruelty. The parties were married on December 11, 1897, at St. Patrick's Church, Church Hill, according to the rites of the Roman Catholic Church. Petitioner stated in evidence that the first week after he married the respondent she commenced to drink. She was drunk nearly every week and neglected her domestic duties to such an extent that he had often to get his own meals, clean the house and bed mattresses, whilst the children were allowed to get into such a dirty condition that he had often to wash them. Evidence was given by two witnesses that they had frequently seen the respondent drunk, and utterly incapable of looking after the baby she carried in her arms. The respondent went into the box and denied that she had been drunk as stated by her husband and the two witnesses examined. She said she was not a teetotaller, but she was not a drunkard. She had drunk champagne, beer, porter, and brandy at different times. There had been cohabitation between her and her husband on the previous Friday, and she understood from him that he was not going on with the suit. It was impossible for her to get drunk, because she did not get money from her husband. He frequently illused her, and on one occasion he blackened her two eyes. She went to the Central Police station, and a policeman was sent round to inquire into the matter. Her husband used to get drunk and kicked her, and on one occasion was fined for being drunk. She did not strike a woman, and got into trouble over the affair.

Petitioner was recalled, and in answer to his Honor denied that he had been intimate with the respondent after the divorce proceedings were taken. He never misled his wife by telling her that he was not going on with the case. He never struck or kicked his wife in his life, nor did he ever threaten her with an axe.

The case was adjourned to Thursday at 10 a.m. to permit the respondent an opportunity to bring forward witnesses on her behalf.

DECREES ABSOLUTE.

His Honor pronounced absolute the decrees nisi granted in the following petitions:—Margarita Mary M'Killop v. Frank M'Killop, Herbert Smith v. Delia Smith, and Albert Andrew Flood v. Alice Elizabeth Flood.

BANKRUPTCY COURT.

(Before Mr. A. Henry, Registrar).

CERTIFICATE APPLICATIONS.

Re Robert Tynemouth Beasley. The Registrar found that the bankrupt had failed to keep proper books of accounts, and had made over to his son cattle and farming implements which had been mortgaged. The certificate was suspended for 18 months.

Re Archibald M'Nevin. Adjourned until the 18th instant in order that the official assignee's report may be answered.

Re Elizabeth Pepperall. Adjourned until April 8, as there had been no answer to the official assignee's report.

Re James Alfred York. After the insolvent had been examined by Mr. Barry, who appeared as solicitor for the official assignee, the Registrar reserved his decision.

Re Barry Alexander. Adjourned until the 25th instant.

MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION.

Re Walter Robert Sunnotte. This was a motion to approve a resolution allowing bankrupt his furniture, which had been passed at the single meeting held on the 4th instant. No objecton was offered, and the resolution was approved.

MEETINGS AND EXAMINATIONS.

Re Robert Percival Wood. The bankrupt was examined by the official assignee, upon whose application the examination was adjourned until the 25th instant.

Re Myer Rintel. One witness was examined under section 30, and the examination was declared closed.

Re Hugh Robertson. In this case the section 30 examination was adjourned, on the application of the official assignee, until the 14th instant.

Re Edward Davies. The section 30 examination in this case was adjourned until the 18th instant.

CREDITOR'S PETITION.

Sir James Reading Fairfax, Charles Burton Fairfax, Geoffrey Evan Fairfax, and James Oswald Fairfax, trading together as co-partnership under the style or firm of John Fairfax and Sons, of Pitt and Hunter streets, Sydney, newspaper proprietors, versus Eliza Burkitt, No. 90 Cooper-street, Sydney, licensed victualler. Petition to be heard on March 14.

SEQUESTRATION ORDERS.

Heinrich Sprins, of No. 2 Union-lane, Sydney, tailor, and lately of No. 90 Bathurst-street, where he carried on business as H. Sprins and Co. Mr. W. H. Palmer, official assignee.

John M'Lellan, of Merewether, miner. Mr. L. T. Lloyd, official assignee.

Jane Henrietta Duffy, of Nyngan, hotel-keeper. Mr. W. H. Palmer, official assignee.

DISTRICT COURT.

(Before Judge Backhouse and a jury of four.)

A TRAM ACCIDENT.

Kendall v. the Railway Commissioners.

Mr. Rolin, instructed by Messrs. Fitzhardinge, Son, and Houston, appeared for the plaintiff, Georgina Kendall; Mr. Scholes, instructed by Mr. J. C. Thom, appeared for the defendants. In this case the plaintiff, who is the wife of George Kendall, of Little Arthur-street, North Sydney, sought to recover £200 damages from the Railway Commissioners on account of certain injuries she had sustained as the result of a tram accident which she maintained was caused by the negligence and carelessness of the defendants' servants. The defence was that the plaintiff was guilty of contributory negligence. The jury having heard the evidence and counsel's addresses, found a verdict for the plaintiff for the amount claimed.

QUARTER SESSIONS.

(Before Judge Heydon and juries.)

Mr. W. L. Merewether, Crown Prosecutor.

STEALING PIGEONS.

John Walker, a young man, pleaded not guilty to a charge of having on December 27, 1901, at Redfern, stolen 34 domestic pigeons, the property of Nathaniel Hucker. Accused was undefended. The case for the Crown was that accused was seen about 4 o'clock on the morning of December 27 with another man carrying a blue bag. Constable Guilfoyle, who had previously received information that Mr. Hucker's pigeon loft at 133 Phillip-street, Waterloo, had been ransacked of pigeons during the night, endeavoured to effect the arrest of the two men, but they dropped the bag and ran. One of the men made good his escape, but the accused ran into a lane which was a cul-de-sac, and the constable arrested him. Accused said that he was calling his mate, and knew nothing of any theft of pigeons. The defence was a denial of complicity in the theft. The jury found accused guilty, and Walker was then arraigned on another similar charge, to which he pleaded not guilty. Prisoner was remanded for sentence.

STEALING IN A DWELLING.

Charles Raper pleaded not guilty to a charge of having on February 10 at Sydney, in the dwelling-house of Washington Earl Blanchard, stolen £18 and a gas-burner. There was a second count of receiving. Accused was undefended. The case for the Crown was that accused, who had been staying at Blanchard's Mansion House Hotel, George-street, Sydney, had entered Mr. Blanchard's room and stolen a large sum of money from a cashbox and ransacked Mr. Blanchard's clothes left in the room. Accused was seen in the room by a witness, and was arrested shortly afterwards, having then in his possession a considerable sum and a gas burner, which had previously been in a waistcoat pocket in the room which was robbed. Accused told different stories about his possession of the money when taxed with the theft. The defence was that accused had not entered the room or stolen anything from it. The jury found accused guilty, and he was sentenced to imprisonment for six months with hard labour.

SENTENCES.

Edward White, who had pleaded guilty to two charges of receiving stolen property, was sentenced to imprisonment with hard labour for three years on each charge, the sentences to be concurrent, and date from the time of the passing of a previous sentence upon the prisoner. His Honor said that as prisoner had assisted to trace some of the stolen property he had treated him more leniently than he would otherwise have done.

David Byron, a lad of 15, who had pleaded guilty to a charge of forgery and uttering, was ordered to be sent to the Brush Farm Reformatory for three years.

William Henry Colebrook, who had been found guilty of a charge of breaking, entering, and stealing, was sentenced to five years' penal servitude, the sentence to be concurrent with one passed on February 28. Mr. E. R. Abigail appeared for the prisoner.

George Bolton, who had been convicted of breaking, entering, and stealing, was sentenced to imprisonment with hard labour for 12 months. Mr. E. R. Abigail appeared for the prisoner.

May Hickey, a servant girl, who had pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing in a dwelling, was sentenced to imprisonment with light labour for one month.

The Court adjourned to the following day.

LAW NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT.—Wednesday, March 12.

Causes Lists.—Before Mr. Justice Pring:—Jury Court.—At 10 a.m.: Hogan v. Railway Commissioners (part heard). At 11.30 a.m.: Phillips v. Davis and another, Pettingell v. Julian. Notice.—The jurors in attendance at Banco Court (except those engaged in the above part-heard case) need not attend until 11.30 a.m.

No. 1 Jury Court, King-street.—Wadey v. Mort's Dock and Engineering Company, Limited (part heard). No. 2 Jury Court list, to be taken in Divorce Court, King-street.—Vaughan v. Webb (part heard). Notice.—The jurors in attendance at No. 1 Jury Court (except those engaged in the above part-heard case) will not be further required.

No. 2 Jury Court, King-street.—Smith v. Fitzsimons (part heard).

Before the Prothonotary.—In re gent., one, ex parte Moloney and Braddick, 12; in re gent., &c., ex parte Zahel, 2.30.

Before the Chief Clerk.—Moloney v. Richard, 10.30.

Master's Office.—At 10 a.m.: Company and Lunacy matters. At 11 a.m.: Jenkins v. Prentice, for directions. At 2 p.m.: Phillips v. Leech, for directions. Before the Deputy

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Legal Notices.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

ACCOUNTS with Plans of Distribution in the undermentioned estates, showing dividends as specified, are now filed in the Office of the Registrar in Bankruptcy, Citizens'-chambers, Moore-street, Sydney, for the inspection of persons interested; and notice is hereby given that such accounts and plans will be submitted to the Court for confirmation or otherwise on THURSDAY, the 27th day of March, 1902, at 11 a.m., if not previously objected to:—

EDMOND O'DONNELL, of Wilcannia, Auctioneer (No. 14,576), a first account and first plan of distribution showing payment of one Crown claim in full, and a dividend of 5s 10½d (five shillings and tenpence seven-eighths of a penny) in the £ on all proved concurrent debts.

FRANCIS PATRICK HURLEY, of Enmore-road, Civil Servant (No. 14,294), a second account and first plan of distribution showing payment of a dividend of 1s 5¾d (one shilling and fivepence three-farthings) in the £ on all proved concurrent debts.

FREDERICK GEORGE HACK, of Harris Park, Civil Servant (No. 10,271), a third account and plan of distribution showing payment of a dividend of 2s 9d (two shillings and ninepence) in the £ on all proved concurrent debts.

Also, accounts current only in the undermentioned estates:—

14,876. WILLIAM STAINS, of Murrumbigeria.
14,983. JOHN O'BRIEN, of Bega.

WILLIAM HARRINGTON PALMER, Official Assignee.

67 Elizabeth-street, Sydney, 10th March, 1902.

NOTICE OF FILING ACCOUNTS.—In the Supreme Court of New South Wales.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of MARGARETTA ANNA MOORE, late of Albury, in the State of New South Wales, Widow, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the sixth day of May next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise, if the said Accounts be not objected thereto, the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. Dated this third day of March, A.D. 1902. T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar. BELBRIDGE and MACLEAN, Proctors, Albury. By LEONARD GIBSON, Equitable-buildings, George-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of MALCOLM MORRISON, late of Bourke, in the State of New South Wales, Coach Proprietor, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that the second accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the fifteenth day of May, at half-past eleven o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise if the said accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. Dated this eleventh day of March, in the year one thousand nine hundred and two. T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar. PHILLIP JAMES BIDDULPH, Proctor for the Executor, Burke. By LEONARD GIBSON, his Agent, Equitable-buildings, George-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JOHN TOPFER, late of Church-street, St. Peters, near Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Gentleman, deceased.—Notice is hereby given that the third accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, King-street, Sydney, and all persons having any claims on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the fourteenth day of May next at 10.45 o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto, otherwise if the said accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law; and notice is also hereby given that on the allowance of the said accounts by the Court Commission will be applied for on behalf of the Executors. Dated this eleventh day of March, 1902. H. C. MONDAY (L.S.). Acting Registrar. THOMAS MICHAEL SLATTERY, Proctor for the Executors, 161 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of EDWARD WILKINSON, late of Murrurundi, in the State of New South Wales, Railway Employee, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made to this Honorable Court after the expiration of fourteen days from the publication hereof that Letters of Administration of the Estate and Effects of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to WILLIAM PATRICK PLUNKETT, of Sydney, Solicitor, as the duly constituted Attorney of Catherine Wilkinson, of the said deceased. All claims against the said Estate are required to be sent in to the undersigned within the abovementioned fourteen days, as it is intended to apply to dispense with a bond by the Administrator. H. M. MARKINSON, Proctor for Applicant, 49 Elizabeth-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—In the Will of JOSEPH KINGSBURY the Elder, late of Francis-street, Enmore, near Sydney, Physician, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the above deceased may be granted to JOHN KINGSBURY, of Hercules-street, Ashfield, Draper, and JAMES KINGSBURY, of Cambridge-street, Stanmore, Doctor of Medicine, the Executors named in the said Will. Persons having claims against this Estate are requested to send same to, and all notices may be served at, Hercules-street, Ashfield, aforesaid.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will and Codicil of WILLIAM CHUNNOCKS, late of Reid's River, near Deepwater, in the State of New South Wales, Farmer, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will and Testament (with a Codicil endorsed) of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to MARGARET CHINNOCKS and SAMUEL ALEXANDER ANDERSON, the Executrix and Executor named in the said Will, and all notices may be served at the offices of WILLIAM THOMAS JOSEPH CURTIS, Proctor for the Executrix and Executor, Gipps-street, Bega; or that of his Agents, M'DONELL and MOFFITT, Solicitors, George and Wynyard streets, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of HENRY BINGHAM BROUGHTON, late of Neutral Bay, near Sydney, but formerly of Hay, in the State of New South Wales, Auctioneer, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will and Testament of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to ELIZABETH ANN BROUGHTON and ARCHER RHYS BROUGHTON, the Executors in the said Will named, and notices of all claims may be sent to or served at the office of the undersigned. Dated this 11th day of March, 1902. JOSEPH THOMPSON, Proctor, 82 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of GERTRUDE WILDEVER THOMSON, late of Gladesville, near Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Spinster, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to JOHN MALCOLM THOMPSON, ALEXANDER GERARD RALSTON, and JOHN MAUGHAN, the Executors named in the said Will; and all Notices may be served at the office of the undersigned. JOHN EDWARD VETCH NOTT, Proctor for the Executors, 118 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of GEORGE LEE, late of Nowra, in the State of New South Wales, Farmer, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to EDWIN CHARLES HEWLETT and WALDRON CARTER BROWN, the Executors named in the said Will; and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned. F. A. LE POER TRENCH, Proctor, Nowra. By his Agent, C. T. POOLE, 82 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of WILLIAM BROWN the Younger, late of Coonamble, in the State of New South Wales, Selector and Labourer, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to JOHN HORTON, of Yass, Farmer, the sole Executor named in the said Will, and all notices may be served at the offices of Messrs. Moriarty and Bucknell, solicitors, Cooma-street, Yass. MORIARTY and BUCKNELL, Solicitors for the Executor, Cooma-street, Yass.

Legal Notices.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of PHILIP PARKER M'ARTHUR KING, late of Kaiora, Scone, in the State of New South Wales, Esquire, Deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to MARCUS WINTON KING, the Sole Executor named in the said will. All notices may be served at the offices of the undersigned. STEPHEN JAQUES, and STEPHEN, Proctors for Applicant, 12 and 14 O'Connell-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES. Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of ALBERT ERNEST MOTT, late of Ashfield, in the State of New South Wales, Engineer, deceased. Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to HERBERT ALFRED MOTT, the sole Executor named in the said Will, and all notices may be served at the offices of the undersigned. AITKEN and AITKEN, Proctors for the Applicant, 44 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

APPLICATION FOR A COLONIAL WINE LICENSE.—To the Licensing Court of the Metropolitan Licensing District.—I, VINCENZO FAZIO, of 48 Union-street, Pyrmont, do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain and will at the next Quarterly Licensing Court, to be holden at the Central Police Court, Sydney, on the 14th day of April, 1902, apply for a certificate authorising the issue of a Colonial Wine License for a house situate at 48 Union-street, Pyrmont, assessed at £25 a year. Dated the 11th day of March, 1902. VINCENZO FAZIO, Grocery, Refreshment, and Fruit Shop, 48 Union-street, Pyrmont.

APPLICATION FOR A COLONIAL WINE LICENSE.—To the Licensing Court of the Metropolitan Licensing District.—I, GIUSEPPE DE MARIA, of 602 Darling-street, Rozelle, Balmain W., do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain and will, at the next Quarterly Licensing Court, to be holden at the Water Police Court, Sydney, on the 14th day of April, 1902, apply for a certificate authorising the issue of a Colonial Wine License for a house situate at 602 Darling-street, Rozelle, Balmain W., assessed at £20 10s a year. Dated the 10th day of March, 1902. GIUSEPPE DE MARIA, Fruit and Confectionery Shop, 602 Darling-street, Rozelle, Balmain W.

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Dear Sir,—It is now close on 30 years since I had the first attack of a cold, which has troubled me continuously. At first the cough was only slight, and, as most people thoughtlessly do, I did not take any particular care of myself, thinking the cough would soon leave me. I was then about 14st. in weight, but I began to get much worse, and in spite of medical attendance I soon found the cold had such a severe hold on me that nothing apparently did me any good. For years I tried many of the advertised remedies, but they all failed to cure me. The cough increased, and before I could lay down in bed at night I would be seized with a fit of coughing, which frequently lasted for an hour, during which time I would expectorate a great quantity of phlegm. I lost flesh rapidly, and my clothes were simply hanging on me like bags. However, a short time ago I commenced taking WEBBER'S VITADATIO, and after taking the second bottle I began to improve, and now after taking six large bottles of VITADATIO I feel splendid, and have regained my loss in weight. I am 14st. again. I cannot express my gratitude for the recovery of my long lost health. I intend taking a few more bottles, so as to make the cure thorough and complete, and I am sending you this testimonial in the hope that other sufferers may be induced to give your wonderful medicine a trial.

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GERMANY AND AMERICA.

PRINCE HENRY'S VISIT.

SOCIAL DIFFICULTIES AND POLITICAL DESIGNS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.

The visit of Prince Henry of Prussia is accepted in America as a graceful amende honorable for the disparaging remarks he made three years ago about republics in general and Mr. M'Kinley in particular. Even on the morrow of that unhappy Hongkong utterance he sent a written apology to Admiral Dewey, but it was too perfunctory in form to be really satisfactory. Mr. M'Kinley always pooh-poohed the notion of taking so trivial a matter seriously; and when the Prince as a compliment proposed to make his way home from China via Washington, it was suggested, in view of the near approach of the election, such a step was politically inexpedient. Probably, at heart, Mr. Roosevelt and his Cabinet now regret that the Prince is coming, for the visit forces them to incur expenses which some can ill afford, and there is, besides (although people speak about such a thing under their breath, and the newspapers keep silence about it altogether), a risk to life and limb which cannot be avoided, even by the most vigilant police precautions. Everyone, including all the great business interests, will feel relieved when the Prince is on his way home again, safe and sound.

The ostensible object of the trip is to witness the launching of a pleasure yacht which the Kaiser, in the hope of beating the crack English yachts, has had built at New York. By a characteristic happy thought, he asked the daughter of the President, by his first wife, Miss Alice, a debutante of 18, to christen the boat—and by her own name, which, however, is also the name of several German, Russian, and Danish Princ

COUNTRY NEWS.

WASHAWAYS ON THE RAILWAY.

NARROW ESCAPE OF THE BRISBANE EXPRESS.

GLEN INNES, Tuesday.

The Brisbane express had a narrow escape from a serious accident between Aberdeen and Scone. A rain storm caused several washaways, and one was very bad, the rails and sleepers being suspended for a distance of about 20ft. It is considered that only the great speed at which the train was travelling prevented a collapse. The engine went partly off a rail shortly afterwards, causing a delay of an hour and a half.

FATAL FLASH OF LIGHTNING.

RECOVERY OF MR. DEALE.

MUDGEE, Tuesday.

Mr. Frederick Deale, who was injured by lightning, when his son was killed beside him yesterday, is now out of danger, and has regained his sight.

BEGA COACH FATALITY.

BEGA, Tuesday.

An inquiry was opened yesterday into the death of Roger Heffernan, who was thrown from the mail coach, and died on Saturday night. It was stated in evidence that the driver handed Miss Allen the reins. The coachman gave evidence, and the inquiry was adjourned till next Monday. The body of Mr. Heffernan was taken to Moruya yesterday. A large number of persons followed the remains. Miss Allen's condition is still serious.

CHARGE OF KEEPING A GAMING-HOUSE.

GOULBURN, Tuesday.

In giving evidence in the case against Fredk. Jobson (charged with being the keeper of a common gaming-house) and others (charged with being on the premises without lawful excuse), Sergeant M'Hardy deposed to visiting the place at 12.30 Monday morning. He found men coming out. One man rushed to a wire and rang a bell with great violence in an upper room. He broke open the door of an upper room and found two men standing in a square in the middle of the room with boxing gloves on. On the door of the room was painted "The Fitzroy Club." The windows of the room were barricaded. There was a padded table covered with a green baize. The square was padded, and had padded seats round it. There were also padded seats round the table. About 10 days ago he climbed on the top of the verandah by standing, on which he found two holes in the shutter of one of the windows of the Fitzroy Club. He heard the noise of dice being rattled in the boxes, and heard someone calling out numbers. He had looked through the same hole almost every night since. On some nights he had seen persons playing "two up" in the padded square. The case was remanded for a week.

THE CHURCHES.

LITHGOW, Tuesday.

The Rev. John Walker, commissioner of the Presbyterian Thanksgiving Fund, has been successful in several centres in this district.

The total net proceeds of the recent Church of England sale of work exceeded £175.

WELLINGTON, Tuesday.

A meeting of the members of the Presbyterian congregation was held in the church last night, when trustees were appointed as follows for the recently acquired church properties:—Spicer's Creek church: Messrs. John Williams, Alexander Ross, Alexander M'Leod, and John Allan M'Leod. Cumnock church: Messrs. Alexander E. Anderson, William Black, John Bruce, and William Murray. Cumnock cemetery: Messrs. Sage Bruce, Robert Murray, and Robert Munro.

MUNICIPAL.

DUBBO, Tuesday.

A meeting of the municipal council was held on Monday evening. The treasurer reported that £261 had been received and banked during the past four weeks. The various municipal accounts stood thus:—General revenue debit, £218; gas credit, £342; water credit, £1211; sanitary credit, £78. A memorial from a number of ratepayers asking for a portion of the park to be reclaimed as a cricket ground was discussed. A motion was carried that the council could not accede to the request.

FATALITIES AND ACCIDENTS.

WINDSOR, Tuesday.

A man named M'Gregor was found drowned in Colo River yesterday.

UNITED MILK SUPPLIERS' ASSOCIATION.

KIAMA, Tuesday.

The sixth annual meeting of the United Milk Suppliers' Association, was held here to-day. Mr. C. J. Cullen, J.P., occupied the chair. There was a large attendance of milk suppliers, especially from Albion Park district. Mr. C. C. Lance, manager of the New South Wales Fresh Food and Ice Company, was present by invitation. Mr. Thomas Armstrong, secretary of the association, read the annual report and balance sheet. The report stated that during the year efforts had been made to have the dairying interests represented upon the board of health, but up to present this had not been accomplished. The balance sheet showed the association to have £134 0s 6d to its credit.

Mr. C. C. Lance (who has been appointed Commercial Agent for New South Wales in London) addressed the meeting. He said that as Commercial Agent he hoped to be able to help the dairymen present, for though they were milk-suppliers yet they were interested in the butter industry and it was in need of looking after. He agreed with the remarks of the chairman that the association should have a representative on the board of health. Messrs. F. P. Dowdell, Albion Park, and William Dymock, Jamberoo, were re-elected auditors.

The meeting then resolved itself into an open meeting for milk-suppliers. Mr. C. J. Cullen was chairman. The following motion was carried: "That it be a request from this meeting that the managers of the milk-distributing companies in Sydney be asked by the secretary of the United Milk Suppliers' Association to make a levy on their suppliers for the purpose of increasing the funds of the association for defending milk-suppliers against whom proceedings may be wrongly instituted by the Sydney authorities."

THE DROUGHT.

BURREN, Tuesday.

Owing to the continued drought pastoralists are severely suffering in stock losses. Messrs. Barton (Burren station) and Chapel Brothers (Gorian station) are moving large numbers of sheep owing to failure of grass and water. Avon Downs station (A. A. Keens, manager) are feeding their sheep on fallen treetops (or commonly called scrub). Numbers of adjacent settlers are carting water for household purposes from 10 to 20 miles, and the water is not too good. The district as a whole is in a very deplorable state.

DENILIQUIN, Tuesday.

On account of the extremely dry weather the Edwards river is now only a chain of waterholes.

MORUYA, Tuesday.

The water in the upper reaches of Moruya River about Kiora is lower than has been known for the past 17 years. The river can be crossed almost anywhere on dry sand.

YASS, Tuesday.

The present prospect of winter pasturage is not at all promising. Chaff and hay are selling at advanced rates. Nearly all householders have to cart their water for household purposes.

A peculiar outbreak of springs has occurred in the bed of the Yass River, and an abundance of clear water is now to be seen in places where a month ago there was not a drop.

AGRICULTURAL AND PASTORAL.

BOURKE, Tuesday.

River reports are as follow:—Yetman, low; Mungindi, 11in., stationary; Mogil and Collarenebri, low; Walgett, Barwon, 6in., falling; Namoi, low; Goodooga, low; Brewarrina, 2ft. 5in., stationary; Bourke, 5ft. 4in., falling; Louth, Tilpa, and Wilcannia, low.

BURREN, Tuesday.

Good work is being done on the Narrabri-Collarendabri-Walgett line; the earthworks are some 20 miles beyond Wee Waa.

Mr. Oct. Turner, grazier, of this neighbourhood, died last Tuesday from typhoid fever.

DENILIQUIN, Tuesday.

The local commons' trustees have been advised that the land board intends to consider at its next meeting the advisableness of curtailing the local commons. At a meeting last night the trustees decided to strenuously oppose the proposal.

A small gang of men have started the work of snagging Edwards River. As soon as proper gear arrives from Sydney additional men and drags will be employed. The work is proceeding from the town upwards towards the Murray River.

GUNDAGAI, Tuesday.

The rights in connection with the Gundagai annual show realised at auction to-day £170.

Foley Brothers, of Sydney intend erecting two creameries in the Gundagai district, one at Brungle and one at another centre to be chosen later.

HILLSTON, Tuesday.

The poll taken for sheep and large stock directors resulted as follows:—Sheep directors, Messrs. D. Tully, J. Braich, R. O. Moore, A. Cumming, E. E. Hudson; large stock, Messrs. A. Bickford, S. Southwell, and J. H. Varcoe.

MANILLA, Tuesday.

With reference to the Keepit-Euroka exchange the department advises that the district surveyor of Moree reports that the Euroka land is partly measured and the surveyor is proceeding with the work, the contract for which expires on June 6.

NARRABRI, Tuesday.

A public meeting was held at the Town Hall yesterday to protest against the proposed exchange of 7814 acres of land on Tarriaro holding for a similar area on Killarney holding. The land on Tarriaro which it is proposed to surrender is situated many miles from Narrabri, while that on Killarney which it is proposed to acquire is situated close to the town, and is suitable for agriculture. Alderman J. J. Piper, the Mayor, presided. Mr. E. V. Coleman proposed and Mr. C. Wall seconded,—"That this meeting enters its emphatic protest against the proposed Tarriaro-Killarney exchange, and that the Mayor, Mr. J. J. Piper, be deputed to appear at the sittings of the local land board on the 20th instant in opposition of the proposed exchange, and state objections to such being granted, viz., that the proposed exchange is against the best interests of the town, as it will lock up good land suitable for settlement in close proximity to the town of Narrabri." This was carried unanimously. Messrs. E. H. Wall, L. Malone, J.P., J. J. Piper (Mayor), V. Coleman, and J. Cogley were appointed to wait on Mr. W. F. Buchanan, owner of Tarriaro and Killarney stations, to try to induce him to abandon his application for exchange.

TUMBERUMBA, Tuesday.

The show will take place on Wednesday and Thursday, and promises to be a great success. Over 1000 entries have been received, viz., horses 200, cattle 60, sheep 60. The new grand stand is now completed, and will be officially opened by Sir W. J. Lyne.

WALLERAWANG, Tuesday.

For water supplied by the Railway Department the price has been reduced by half rates, now being 3d per 50 gallons, and 1d for each additional 10 gallons. The former rates were exorbitant, and almost all the residents were dependent on this supply on account of the continued dry weather.

VALUABLE FIND OF WATER.

DUBBO, Tuesday.

Mr. E. H. Utley, of Dubbo, recently sank a well at his Emogundry sawmill. After sinking his well 130ft. boring was commenced, and when a depth of 170ft. had been reached the drill dropped 18in., showing the discovery of a water supply of that depth. The water rose 40ft. in the well, and there is reason to believe that the supply is an inexhaustible one. During the sinking and boring operations about 40ft. of sedimentary mud, resembling the bed of an old lake, was passed through. At present the well, in addition to supplying the mill, is affording water for the stock of the adjoining settlers; and Mr. Utley's discovery has thus proved an inestimable boon.

SOUTH COAST.

EDEN, Tuesday.

At the police court to-day, before Mr. H. S. Hawkins, P.M., Frederick Lynch, recently arrested at Cooma at the instance of the Eden police, appeared on remand charged with breaking and entering the residence of Captain Skelton, of Roxby, near Green Cape, on or about the 23rd ultimo, and stealing therein money, of the value of about £50, and other property of Captain Skelton. Accused was identified as a stowaway put ashore at Green Cape from the steamer St. George on the day before the alleged robbery. Accused was committed for trial at the Quarter Sessions, Bega, on April 15.

KIAMA, Wednesday.

The first meeting of the newly elected executive committee of the Kiama Agricultural Association was held in the Council-chambers this afternoon for the purpose of appointing office-bearers for the current year. The following selections were made:—Patrons, Messrs. J. H. Carruthers, Alex. Campbell, M.L.A., and C. L. Fuller, J.P.; president, Mr. Thomas Fredericks; vice-presidents, Messrs. James Sharpe and John Love; treasurer, Mr. Alex. Nicholson; secretary, Mr. James Somerville. Saturday and Monday, January 24 and 26, 1903, were fixed as the dates for the next show. Messrs. Thomas Brown and John James were appointed delegates to represent Kiama at the meeting of the South Coast Agricultural Society's Union.

MORUYA, Tuesday.

The Rev. J. H. Williams, of Moruya, by request, went to Cooma to preach at the memorial service held for the late Rev. H. E. Thompson.

The dredge Antiocn is to come to Moruya this week to work on the bar.

NOWRA, Tuesday.

Mr. M. F. Morton, M.L.A., is advised, in reference to his representations as to the improvement of public cemeteries within this electorate, that the Minister for Lands has granted the sum of £100, to be equally divided between the general cemeteries at Nowra and Berry.

The sanitary state of the town was the subject of lengthy discussion at a special meeting of the Nowra Council last night. The Mayor submitted various recommendations for improvement in the disposal of garbage and the cleansing of gutters, some of which, as reported by Alderman A. R. Morton, were in an unsatisfactory condition. It was decided to ask the Berry Council to take steps to have the Moruya Company's boat provided with rat-resisting discs, and to be moored away from the Bomaderry wharf at night, in view of a possible outbreak of plague. It was reported that Bomaderry wharf was infested by rats.

PAMBULA, Tuesday.

A few representative members of the Roman Catholic Church assembled at the presbytery this afternoon, when Mr. Cornell, on behalf of the parishioners, presented Father Condon with a purse of sovereigns prior to his departure to-morrow for Surry Hills parish, Sydney.

Mr. Elphick, teacher of Rocky Hall School, has been fined 5s for too severely caning a boy named Whitby.

Anniversary services were conducted at the Methodist Church on Sunday, and were well attended.

The local farmers contemplate making an effort to form an exhibition society and to organise a show for next year.

WOLLONGONG, Tuesday.

A meeting of the hospital committee was held at the institution last night. A letter was received from the Under-Secretary, Mr. Critchett Walker, C.M.G., regarding the conditions of the £500 grant, and it was decided to write to him pointing out that that amount was wholly inadequate. The resignation of Miss Hunt, probationer, was accepted, and the resignation of Nurse Thomas was referred to a committee. It was reported that there are about 15 patients in the hospital at present.

Shipments at the port of Bellambi for the last week amounted to 8617 tons of coal. 1453 tons being sent to Melbourne, and the balance to Sydney.

For the current pay South Bulli and Bellambi Collieries each worked full time 11 days.

ARMIDALE, Tuesday.

Burglars have broken into Mr. W. Curtis' shop and secured over £10 in cash.

BATHURST, Tuesday.

Mr. B. Cutler, J.P., has received a communication from the Department of Justice intimating that a draft Amending Jury Bill has been prepared, in which it is proposed to confer the power of correcting jury lists upon the police or stipendiary magistrates only.

DENILIQUIN, Tuesday.

An anonymous donor has forwarded a cheque for £100 to Dr. Noyes for the hospital building fund. This is the third cheque received for £100, and no appeal for subscriptions has yet been made.

Nurse Wyse, of Deniliquin Hospital, has been appointed head nurse of Grafton hospital.

GUNDAGAI, Tuesday.

A house belonging to a man named Bell was burned to the ground early on Saturday morning. Nothing was saved.

Some time ago residents of Gobarralong applied through Sir William Lyne for telephone communication with Gundagai. It is feared now that the line is not likely to be constructed, owing to the heavy estimated expenditure.

LITHGOW, Tuesday.

A disagreement is reported at Irondale coal mine through which 30 to 40 men have temporarily knocked off work.

MOLONG, Tuesday.

At a meeting of directors of the Molong District Dairying Company to-day sympathetic reference was made to the death of the late Mr. Caleb Parker, who was a member of the directorate, and a motion expressing deep sympathy with his bereaved relatives was unanimously carried.

ORANGE, Tuesday.

Before the police court this morning several persons were charged with not sending their children to school the required number of days, and were fined in various amounts. One defendant alleged that he kept his children from school because of promises which were infested with vermin and were otherwise insanitary and dilapidated. Another gave as wise insanitary and dilapidated. Another gave as his reason that he kept his daughter from school because she suffered from rheumatism, and there was no fire in the schoolhouse in the winter months. A teacher stated that the allowance for fuel to Public schools was only £1 per year, which was an insufficient amount in a cold district like Orange.

ROCKLEY, Tuesday.

The Progress Association officers are:—President, Mr. H. H. Hackney; vice-president, Mr. A. J. Brownlow; treasurer, Mr. W. Keating.

WALLERAWANG, Tuesday.

The new railway electric staff station was opened at Sodwalls yesterday by Inspector H. Mackenzie, of Ryelegh. It will do away with the long section between Rydal and Tarana, which was the cause of much delay, especially to mail trains.

WEE WAA, Tuesday.

Complaints are being made at the irregular arrival of the Sydney mail. To-day it was three hours late.

The earthworks of the Merah North railway station are complete. Storekeepers complain that the Government will not recognise orders on wages due given them by navvies whom they supply on credit.

WELLINGTON, Tuesday.

Mr. J. Orbell, chief railway booking clerk, who has been appointed goods clerk at Bourke, was given a send-off on Friday. Mr. T. M'Kinley succeeds Mr Orbell.

News has been received by cable of the death of Mr. J. Dick, of Glasgow, sole proprietor of the Mitchell's Creek gold mine at Bodangora. Deceased visited Bodangora several times.

At a meeting of the hospital committee four applications were received for the position of secretary. A ballot which was taken resulted in the election of Mr. John Collins.

WINDSOR, Tuesday.

Yesterday a farmhouse at Mulgrave, occupied by Mr. John May, was robbed of £13.

A public meeting, convened by the Hawkesbury Progress Association, Windsor centre, was held in the Windsor School of Arts last night, Mr. J. B. Johnston, J.P., presiding. There was a good attendance, and it was decided to reorganise the Windsor Fire Brigade, and a committee was appointed, consisting of the Mayor and aldermen of the town, and several influential townsmen, to confer with the officers and members of the Windsor Fire Brigade next Monday night.

WYONG, Tuesday.

A communication from the Minister for Works was read at a meeting of the Progress Association last evening intimating that his department intends forming the town footpaths. The association is taking steps towards securing the erection of a Court of Petty Sessions and the resumption of land for a park for the town.

PORTABLE SUSTENANCE.

For travellers, miners, and soldiers no food is as portable as LEMCO, the genuine Liebig Company's Extract. The product of 18,000 bullocks was supplied to the forces in South Africa. LEMCO is the most concentrated form of meat known.—Advt.

THE METHODIST CONFERENCE.

The representative conference met at 10 a.m. yesterday. The President was in the chair. The daily record was read and adopted.

The secretary read a telegram from the officials of the Lismore circuit, intimating that they were willing to take the Rev. John Bathgate as the second married minister, the circuit to receive a grant.

THE BOER WAR.

The Rev. J. E. Carruthers then moved the resolution of which he had previously given notice,—"That this conference expresses its sympathy with the Methodist and other Churches of South Africa in the disturbance to their work and sorrow caused by the prolonged British-Boer war. It furthermores records its indignation at the slanders that have been extensively circulated as to the conduct of the campaign on the part of the Imperial Government and the troops under its direction, and expresses its unabated conviction as to the righteousness of the policy which led up to the war and the honour and humanity of our soldiery in prosecuting the same. The conference earnestly trusts that peace may speedily be restored under such conditions as will ensure the political rights and personal freedom of all the people, including the native races, of South Africa, and that out of this unhappy strife lasting good may come to that war-distracted land."

The Rev. Dr. Sellors said that he was in thorough accord with the motion, and heartily seconded it.

The conference unanimously and with much acclamation carried the resolution.

THE CLASS MEETING.

The Rev. J. E. Carruthers moved also,—"That this conference declares its unabated appreciation of the class meeting as a means of grace of primary value in fostering the personal piety and social religious fellowship of the members of the Church. It commends to all our people the regular and devout observance of the duty of attendance upon this divinely honoured institution of Methodism, and believing that it is a matter of the highest importance that the class meeting should be maintained at the highest possible level of efficiency it is hereby resolved to appoint a committe to sit during the year and report to the ensuing synods and to the next conference as to the best means to be adopted (1) to secure an increase of godly and earnest leaders; (2) to promote the instructiveness and interest of the regular meeting; and (3) generally to report on the whole matter, and recommend such measures as it may deem desirable and necessary to place the class meeting in that position of influence and power that it should hold as an essential part of the spiritual organisation of the Methodist Church."

The matter was discussed at some length, and the resolution was adopted.

THE NAME OF THE COLLEGES.

In accordance with a previous notice of motion the Rev. F. Colwell moved that the word "Methodist" be added to the names of the two colleges at Burwood and Newington.

As an amendment the Rev. George Lane moved that the question be referred to the councils of the two colleges for consideration and report.

The Rev. Dr. Sellors thought that the matter ought to be referred to the college council, and let it have the opportunity to express itself on the matter. He seconded the amendment that the matter be referred to college councils.

The amendment was carried.

C.M.M. RESCUE HOME.

The Rev. W. G. Taylor moved,—"That the question of granting a subsidy to the funds of the contemplated C.M.M. Reserve Home for Friendless and Fallen Women be remitted to the executive of the Church Sustentation and Home Missionary Society, the said executive to have the power to grant a sum not exceeding £100 upon the inauguration of such a home." Mr. Taylor said that the committee of the C.M.M. felt that they had a right to come to the conference, as it would be a connexional question. He proposed that the matter be referred to the Sustentation Society, with a view to looking at the matter all round, and if possible to give the committee assistance.

The Rev. James Woolcough seconded the resolution. He thought that their Church should do something in this matter, however much other people or organisations were doing.

The conference agreed.

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS.

The Rev. J. Taru moved,—"That in order to foster and promote a forward movement throughout the State, especially in the country districts, and to aid in making a great soul-saving effort in thanksgiving to God for the consummation of Methodist union, one or more ministers be set apart as conference evangelists." The speaker said that there was nothing that would pay them better as a church than to have a conference evangelist. They voted money for other purposes, but he hoped that money would be found to support an evangelist. They needed to foster the spirit of evangelism.

Mr. O. J. Howard believed in such a step being taken as that contained in the resolution. It was a very important work, and he hoped it would meet with the consideration that it deserved. He seconded the resolution.

The Rev. Dr. Sellors claimed to be an evangelist, in fact all the ministers were evangelists, and in their circuits were endeavouring to get men and women converted. He maintained that at the present juncture when expenditure was heavier on account of Methodist union the step would be inopportune.

The Rev. W. H. Beale said that there were two points to be considered—first, the desirability, and then the character of the work to be done. An evangelist was one who should go to a circuit and assist the minister, and not take upon himself the whole of the work. He would support the resolution.

The resolution was negatived.

GENERAL CONFERENCE EXPENSES.

The Rev. G. T. Baker moved,—"(a) That the general conference expenses now falling upon one year's income of the C. S. and E. Society be equally distributed over the years intervening between the holding of the general conferences. (b) That such course be raised by a levy to be made upon all circuits. (c) That the levy and payments be made through the removal expenses fund already in existence. (d) That the name of the fund be changed to 'the travelling expenses fund.'"

He maintained that the expenses of the general conference were heavy, and by a levy upon circuits the "blue ribbon" circuits would materially help to pay the expenses and the poorer circuits be relieved. He did not believe that the money for general conference expenses should be paid out of the funds of the sustentation society.

The Rev. P. Colwell seconded the motion. He thought that the expenses of the general conference were altogether too heavy, and it would be an advantage to reduce the number of delegates.

The Hon. W. Robson moved as an amendment,—"That the matter be referred to the sustentation society for consideration and report."

The amendment was carried.

THE CORONATION OATH.

The Rev. Dr. Sellors moved,—"That this conference desires to give expression to its loyalty to the Throne and person of his Majesty King Edward VII., and declares that no alteration in the form of the coronation oath and declaration will be acceptable that shall relax in any degree the safeguards which ensure the Protestant succession to the Throne of Great Britain and its dependencies, or that will permit the oath and declaration so taken to be understood in any other than their obvious and ordinarily understood meaning;" and "That a copy of the resolution be forwarded to his Excellency the Governor-General for transmission to the Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies." He hoped that the members of the conference had read Dr. Rigg's speech bearing on the question. He did not anticipate any opposition to the motion, so that he would simply move the resolution.

The Rev. F. Colwell seconded the motion.

The Rev. W. H. Beale submitted that they should make their protest as comprehensive as possible.

The Rev. P. Clapham said that the Catholic press was seeking every week to stir up their people to protest against the oath.

The resolution was carried with great acclamation, the conference rising and singing the National Anthem.

Substitutes were then elected to act on the distribution committee, and the conference adjourned till 2.30 p.m.

THE BRIGHT BEQUEST FUND.

After lunch Dr. Sellors presented the report of the Bright Bequest Fund. The report was adopted, and Dr. Sellors and Mr. T. H. England, the treasurers of the fund, were thanked and reappointed.

CIRCUITS AND ADDITIONAL MINISTERS.

This matter, which came under discussion yesterday, was again introduced to enable the conference to find an appointment for a surplus married minister. The names of the Homebush, Liverpool, and Granville, and Stanmore Circuits were mentioned in this connection. The two first circuits named refused to accept the additional liability involved in the appointment of a married instead of an unmarried minister. During the discussion the president stated that the conference could not compel these circuits to take a married instead of an unmarried minister. The matter then dropped.

TEMPERANCE MATTERS.

On the motion of the Rev. F. Colwell, the secretary of the temperance and morals committee, the following resolutions were passed:—"That the conference adopts and earnestly supports the principle of local and state option without compensation." "That the conference recommends our people, in the exercise of their rights as ratepayers, to take advantage of the municipal local option vote to prevent the increase and renewal of public-house licenses." "That the last Sunday in November be observed as temperance Sunday." "The conference calls the attention of superintendents of circuits and of the officers and teachers of our Sunday schools to the constitution of bands of hope, and temperance societies as contained in our books of laws, and directs that our temperance organisations be carried on in conformity therewith." "That Sunday school teachers be recommended to secure for our Sunday school libraries and prizes, such books as teach very clearly the great evils of gambling and intemperance, and that the published catechisms re scientific instruction be used in our meetings." "That the conference recommends the use of unfermented wine in the administration of the Sacrament."

The remaining part of the session was occupied in the consideration of the various recommendations from the district synods, the distribution committee sitting mean while in another part of the building.

The conference adjourned at 5.30.

THE KAISER AND THE BIBLE.

The Rev. Dr. Brown, the general secretary to foreign missions, asked the permission of the president of the Methodist conference to exhibit to the members of the conference a casket, made of Australian woods, which contained copies of the New Testament in the native language, for circulation in German New Britain. Dr. Brown stated that the translation, which was the first made, was largely the work of the Rev. R. H. Rickard, a missionary in New Britain for some years. The translation was a good one, and the get up and printing, which came from their own publishing house, was highly creditable. The Bible society was bearing the expense, which however they hoped to refund through sales. The casket contained two copies of the New Testament. They intended to forward the casket to the Governor of German New Britain, with the request that he would forward it to the German Emperor, whose grandfather had been a regular subscriber to the funds of the Bible society.

DYNAMITE EXPLOSION IN NEW YORK.

The reserve supply of high explosives stored at the Park-avenue shaft of the Rapid Transit tunnel, in course of construction, blew up at midday on January 27 (says the San Francisco "Chronicle"). The giant blast killed six persons, injured 100 others, and seriously damaged all the property reached by the flying debris and the vibration of the shock. The irregular square formed by the Murray Hill Hotel on the west, the Manhattan Eye and Ear Hospital and the Grand Union Hotel on the east, and the Grand Central Station on the north, was the scene of the explosion. The buildings named sustained the greatest damage, but the area extended for several blocks in the four directions from the centre. The killed were:—Cyrus Adams, James Carr, Lawrence Hine, J. Roderick Robertson, Ralph Thompson, and Thomas Tubbs. The list of injured is an exceedingly long one, but most of those in it have only cuts caused by flying glass. J. Roderick Robertson, of Nelson, B. C., was killed by debris, which was hurled with the force of artillery into his room at the Murray Hill Hotel. The sunken approach to the street railway tunnel used by the Madison-avenue lines cuts through Park-avenue, and the shaft of the rapid transit subway was run down beside it at the intersection of East Forty-first-street. The street railway approach was housed over with a superstructure used for the operating plant of the rapid transit contractors. Temporary buildings for storage purposes were thrown up against the superstructure at the mouth of the shaft, and there the explosion occurred. It tore a great gorge in the street, demolished the temporary buildings and part of the superstructure, and sent a mass of earth, splintered timber, and twisted iron high in the air. Much of it went battering against the front of the Murray Hill Hotel. The walls were damaged, and nearly every room in the front of the house was wrecked. The Manhattan Eye and Ear Hospital, on the east side of the avenue, fared nearly as badly, and had to be also abandoned by the management. The Grand Union Hotel lost all of its windows and glass partitions, and practically every front window in the Grand Central station was shattered. The great clocks on its front towers were blown from their cases. Thousands of windows, some of them seven blocks from the tunnel shaft, fell in fragments. It was the shower of broken glass and falling debris that injured the greatest number. The cause of the explosion and the quantity of explosives that blew up are not definitely known. Several causes have been advanced. One was that a fire started near the powder-room and that Master Mechanic William Tubbs lost his life in a desperate attempt to quench it before it reached the explosives. Another was that it started from a spark produced by a stray current of electricity. A third placed the blame upon a blast in the tunnel. Still another gave a gas explosion from electrical contact with the trolley conduit in the electrical subway. It will take an official examination to reveal the true explanation. Moses Eppes, a powder man in charge of the shanty where the explosion occurred, is at Flower Hospital suffering from contusions and shock. He says that on going to the shanty about noon he found a candle, which he had left lighted on a shelf, lying on the floor, and some paper which was about it was on fire. Close to this burning paper were 13 boxes of dynamite cartridges, each box containing from 60 to 75 cartridges. Eppes threw a pail of water over the floor and ran to get another one. On coming back he saw that the flames were close to the dynamite, and, dropping his pail, he tried to get away. Then came the explosion, and the next he knew he was a patient in the hospital.

FEDERAL FINANCE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Is it possible to repeat too often that we have in Australia seven Governors, 14 Parliaments, and 751 politicians to look after the government of about 3,750,000 people, of whom more than one-third are under 15 years old? Reading present Australian figures, it should be remembered poor New Zealand will be excluded from participation in them. Australia's total debt is said to be £225,500,000. If vanished trust funds and deficits be included, my figures, more or less reliable, show another £15,000,000 to be owing. And here it is proper to say a federal statist is badly needed. No two Government statistical papers agree about any particular set of figures. In Western Australia, especially, the Treasurer seems to compile his figures for estimates and has, chiefly loans, on hundreds of separate sheets of paper, just as Thomas Carlyle is said to have written "Sartor Resartus," and then pinned them together. The Commonwealth Treasurer outlined a loan of £1,000,000 for a start from scratch in the great Australian borrowing race, chiefly for defence purposes. It is said Sir George Turner (the Treasurer), who is Victoria's best gift to the federation, proposes to create stock and not issue debentures. This will be a good new departure, provided the stock be international, not inter-state, and freely interchangeable by means of Treasury certificates. Perhaps it will be thought heterodox to suggest the federal stock should also be irredeemable, except at the will of the Commonwealth, and that there should be no sinking funds liable to annexation by a handup future Treasurer. This first federal loan should be so constituted that all following loans can be grafted upon it. For there will be future loans, and a broad Australian financial policy should include the possibility of State debts and State assets being gradually taken over. If indeed some such plan of stopping further State borrowing be not soon adopted and all borrowing relegated to a competent central body, we shall shortly have the little States like Western Australia and Tasmania approaching the Federal Government and begging for relief. In Britain, where most of our debt is created, the lenders do not discriminate between the States, and every State loan is tinguish between the States, and every State loan is lumped as "Australian." It is time we had a patent Australian Government stock, if only to rid ourselves of the danger now hanging over the States like the sword of Damocles, of large amounts of debentures falling due in London during a year of dear money. This is a grave peril not properly appreciated by the public. For instance, in 1904 Victorian debentures for £5,457,000 fall due. In 1918 New South Wales must repay or reissue £12,826,200, and in 1915 Queensland has to meet £11,728,000. In 1929 New Zealand loans mature to the extent of £9,150,500. Supposing the battle of Armageddon is not fought in 1904, how is Victoria to meet her obligations? Of course, it is putting an extreme case, yet the Federal Parliament has now a chance of not taking such a risk. Federal finance is embryonic with a tendency towards extravagance. The Federal Parliament costs for Ministers, senators, representatives, votes, printing, and travelling £115,714 a year. The Governor-General and his Sydney and Melbourne residences cost £19,550, while the bill for travelling expenses for the Commonwealth officials is £53,350. For the members of the defence forces this year's outlay upon travelling will be £70,000. Is an invasion of Thursday Island or King George's Sound expected? Federal Government defence bids fair to outstrip the cost of the Post Office, the biggest federal department. Out of 21 pages of the last Commonwealth Supply Bill 12 are devoted to the Defence Department, and nine to seven other departments. Out of £360,000 the Defence Department takes £87,291. The total for the year ending June, 1902, is £152 000 out of loan money, and £9,86,470 out of revenue, or £1,038,470, for which we get the services of 37,524 soldiers and volunteers and 39,500 riflemen. The rifle clubs, admirable as in their object and enthusiastic as are the members, are not too cheap. Small-arm ammunition for the year will cost £91,740, and 17,000,000 bullets were issued in 1901. The first federal loan includes £71,695 for field guns £100,000 for 20,000 rifles, while £18,860 for new defence works will be spent out of revenue. Why should money be borrowed for 30 years at 3 per cent. to buy weapons which may be obsolete in three years? It is urgent that every Australian should be taught to defend his home. It is equally a primary condition he should not be saddled with an old world military regime. If our rulers want militarism they should tax us to support it and not borrow. As an ardent advocate of federation since 1875, I confess to disappointment. Federation was to concentrate, solidify, and preserve our rights and our finances which nowadays are co-equal. Federation trends towards dissipation of both. We do not want a federal capital to cost millions. Ottawa, the capital of the Canadian Dominion, has cost the central Government only £244,000. Let Sydney be the capital, as by natural beauty and position she has been so destined. Why create a High Court costing say £30,000 a year? Why appoint a High Commissioner in London, costing "perhaps" £10,000, unless at once all the States' Agents-General, now costing about £20 000, are dismissed? What do we want with an Inter-State Commission? Or why should Mr. Barton or Sir John Forrest go to London in this, the most critical of federal years? All these projects mean more borrowing and more waste. Federation to satisfy the people should be cheap, if we are not to quarrel about it. Australia suffers three great afflictions—drought, ever-changing prices for metals, and debt. The pastoral and mining produce represent half the total product of Australia. Without drought, and given fair values for minerals, we can honestly pay our way. To go into debt is the proper alternative. I do not question Australia's power to pay her interest. I do doubt whether it is prudent to allow our politicians to borrow any longer instead of reducing expenditure and allowing taxation to diminish. These two branches of the fundamental question of finance affect us all equally, whether rich or poor. Finance is not mere arithmetic; it is a great policy. Without sound finance no sound Government is possible, and it is a platitude to assert we are entitled to demand both from the newly-born Federal Parliament.

I am, &c.,
GEORGE D. MEUDELL.

Melbourne, March 7.

Q. It may be granted, then, that the troubles of weaning a child are overcome by Fellows' Phosphatine? Yes; in steady growth, firmness of flesh, development of teeth, the improvement is most marked.—Advt.

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MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

COMMONWEALTH GENERAL ORDERS.

In Commonwealth General Orders it is stated that, until further orders the headquarters of the Commonwealth military forces will be at the Victoria Barracks, Melbourne. The Deputy Adjutant-General (Colonel J. C. Head, C.M.G.) will perform the duties of chief staff officer. General orders will be prepared daily and issued bi-weekly.

Pending the passing of the Defence Bill by the Commonwealth Parliament, State Commandants must, for the present, be guided by the existing Acts and regulations in force in each of their respective States. The lending of military equipment or stores for purposes other than military is forbidden.

It is ordered that officers, warrant, non-commissioned officers and men of the military forces of the Commonwealth are on no account to communicate with the Minister for Defence, except through the G.O.C. All communications involving the decision or approval of the Minister will be forwarded through the proper channels to the chief staff officer, for the consideration and recommendation of the G.O.C.

The General Officer Commanding (it is stated in the orders) is ready at all times to investigate cases in which officers and soldiers conceive themselves to be aggrieved, provided that such cases are brought to his notice through the proper channels. Complaints are not to be brought forward except in the manner indicated by the regulations, and an infringement of this order will be treated as a grave breach of discipline.

Captain J. S. Brunton (Lancers) has been granted leave until December 31, 1902, and Lieutenant J. Burin (Lancers) for 12 months from April 25, 1902.

Lieutenant-Colonel H. P. Airey, C.M.G., D.S.O., R.A.A., having returned from leave of absence on 21st ultimo, assumed command of the New South Wales Artillery yesterday.

AMUSEMENTS.

HER MAJESTY'S.—"BEN HUR."

The spectacular and artistic beauty of "Ben Hur" continues to be recognised by the public in the most substantial manner, and there are many persons who are never tired of witnessing the exciting chariot race, which presents all the effects of realism as far as they can be obtained by stage representation. There will be a matinee this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

THEATRE ROYAL.—"ALADDIN."

The extravaganza at the Theatre Royal continues to attract delighted audiences, and the gorgeous colouring is admitted to be one of its principal features. Ample variety, too, is secured by the appearance of artists whose special forte is to make people laugh, and such a number of good things are interwoven with the familiar story of the wonderful lamp and the wicked magician that it is hard to determine what is most deserving of admiration. The usual matinee will commence at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

LYCEUM THEATRE.—"HEARTS ARE TRUMPS."

Excellent business is still reported from this place of amusement, and it is probable that a considerable time will elapse before the last nights are announced.

TIVOLI.

Mr. Harry Rickards' Vaudeville Company is now about as strong as it can reasonably be expected to be, and the Lenton trio have, since their reappearance after a long absence from Sydney, proved a decided hit. There will be a matinee this afternoon.

THE PALACE.

The last nights of Messrs. Williamson, Lee, and Rull's Vaudeville Company at the Palace Theatre are announced, and that being the case the public have now very little opportunity of seeing and hearing some of the clever artistes, who make up a very complete and enjoyable variety show. This afternoon the last Wednesday matinee will be given.

EMPIRE THEATRE.

The Cosgrove Company have secured a 12 months' lease of the Empire Theatre, and will inaugurate a dramatic season on Saturday night. The opening piece will be a realistic drama, entitled "A Wife's Peril." The Empire has been thoroughly cleansed and renovated, and new scenery and elaborate costumes are promised. The company will be under the direction of Mr. John Cosgrove,

LAW REFORM.

The recent conference of Attorney-Generals at Hobart ended in a few suggestions for reciprocity between the different States in reference to the admission of legal practitioners. So far as we can understand, the suggestions made do not seem to be of much practical value, even to the members of the profession most concerned. Even if this be so it is a question which really has very little interest for the general public, to whom it is a matter of practically infinitesimal importance whether a solicitor from Victoria or South Australia shall or shall not be allowed to practise in New South Wales.

But, on the other hand, the subject of general law reform is a matter of intense interest to the public at large, and the fact that the first and up to the present time the only suggestion for a change is confined to the interests of the legal profession may well add to the suspicion which ordinary men are inclined to entertain that the legal profession is regarded by its members not so much as the fountain-head of justice and equity as a money-making machine pure and simple.

It is, of course, hardly a matter of wonder that under the circumstances the members who took part in the conference at Hobart should have considered the interests of their own profession of paramount importance; but it is very certain that the public generally cannot be expected to regard the matter from the same standpoint. The question which they are asking, and which they have a right to ask, is that recently employed by Judge Baden as the title of an article in the "Nineteenth Century," namely "Is law for the lawyers or for the people?"

To this question there can surely be but one answer from the lips of any unbiassed and intelligent man. If in an ideal state of society the law ought to be so administered that the party with whom after due examination the merits of the case are found to lie should be able to leave the court with his cause established and without having to suffer in any way for asserting his rights before an impartial tribunal, then it is obvious that at the beginning of the twentieth century such a result is ludicrously far from attainment. The advice given by Lord Chief Justice Willes in England many years ago still holds as true as when it was uttered:—"Whatever you do, never go to law; submit to almost any imposition, bear any oppression rather than exhaust your spirit and your pocket in what is called a court of justice." This advice, given by one who was eminently in a position to know, contains the whole crux of the question; and so long as it in any sense remains true so long is it certain that any so-called reforms are a mere tinkering with a system which nothing short of radical amendment can in any way render fit for the purposes for which it is supposed to be constituted—namely, the real administration of satisfactory justice. Justice can neither be real nor satisfactory when an injured person, who comes to a court of law for redress, even when his claims are proved after hearing to be "just and equitable," has nevertheless to disburse in the way of costs a sum which may render his successful assertion of his rights dear at the price. That a successful party should have to pay for his success is really putting a fine on justice; it is a scandal, opposed alike to natural justice and common sense. This principle is really at the bottom of the whole question of law reform, and until it is recognised that the administration of real justice is impossible so long as the smallest pecuniary tax is laid on the shoulders of any party whose cause has been upheld in a court of law any reform which may be attempted will prove unavailing.

The position is all the more unsatisfactory at the present day because of the enormous advances which have been made in practically every other branch of life. Look at the sister science of medicine. Think what enormous strides have been made there during the last fifty years; and yet doctors have to live just as much as lawyers by the practice of their profession. Again, the prizes for special proficiency are fairly proportionate in the two professions. But so far as the public advantage is concerned the difference between the two professions is something enormous. Poor and rich alike benefit by the existence of the medical profession, while through the medium of hospitals even the very poorest are enabled to obtain all that progressive skill and science can contribute towards the alleviation of suffering humanity. And what is the reason of this difference? Simply this, that in the one profession the public advantage is put first, while in the other it is apparently hardly a matter of even secondary consideration. And it is a curious but instructive fact that the legal profession suffers really as much as the public from the existence and continuance of this state of things. Many people refuse to go to law, or even to consult a lawyer, because they are afraid of the possible consequences. They prefer to endure a certain modicum of injustice rather than run the risk of being put to an expense whose limits they cannot foresee.

Surely the time has come in Australia when a serious effort should be made to put the administration of justice on a really equitable basis by enacting the principle for which we have already contended as the root and basis of legal reform. Bristling with the real necessities of a progressive age to attempt to establish a Federal High Court of Justice without at the same time making a serious effort to place justice itself on a proper foundation.

So far we have dealt with generalities, but altogether apart from the general question of reform there are certain matters which require the immediate attention of the Federal Legislature, and especially of those particular individuals who are members of the legal profession. If the Federal High Court is to be made a really beneficent institution it is of the utmost importance that the laws of the different colonies should as far as possible be assimilated, in order that an appeal to the Federal Court may fix the law not only in one but in all the States. Take the Torrens Acts as an example, for here at least Australia can boast that she has shown the world what can be done in the way of really progressive and scientific legislation. At present, though the main principle of land transfer is the same in all the colonies, the actual Acts in operation in each State differ considerably, both in the wording of the different sections and also to some extent in the law which they set forth. Under present conditions it is perfectly possible that a decision on the Victorian Act might, owing to slight differences of language, be altogether different from what the same Judges would decide on the language of the Tasmanian or Queensland statutes. Again, certain of the colonies have embodied in their Acts principles not obtaining in the Acts of the rest of the group, and yet some of these principles are well worthy of wider application. For instance, in the case of trusts, the Acts both of New Zealand and of Tasmania have a provision by which the Registrar or Recorder of Titles can be made a joint trustee, a principle which would certainly seem calculated to make the position of the beneficiaries more secure, both by protecting them against possible fraud by the trustees and also by giving them a further remedy against the insurance fund, supposing a breach of trust should by any means occur. This and other similar principles might well be embodied in one general Act, which should be applicable throughout the whole of the federating colonies, for to organise a Federal Court without at the same time instituting some general system of federal legislation is surely an anachronism unworthy a progressive and enlightened democracy.

R. E. M.

EXPLOSION IN A MINE.

Twenty-one men were killed, eight seriously injured, a coal mine nearly wrecked, and 10 mules blown to shreds in a dust explosion at the Lost Creek coal mines, nine miles south of Oklahoma (Ia.) on January 24 (says the San Francisco "Chronicle"). The force of the explosion was terrific. The shaft belched forth flames and debris like a volcano in eruption. The top works of the mine were thrown 200ft. into the air. One of the victims was at work on the dump, and his body was hurled to a great height and carried 50 rods from the shaft. One of the disastrous features of the explosion was the wrecking of the fan and hoisting cages, which delayed the work of rescue for fully two hours. Even after the fans were started the mine could not be cleared of the deadly gas for the reason that the explosion had forced shut a number of the doors. There were 110 men at work in the mine at the time of the explosion, but 80 managed to escape comparatively uninjured, through the various air shafts. As fast as the rescuers could force their way in they encountered dead bodies at almost every step. The victims were shockingly mangled. The scenes about the mouth of the shaft when the cages brought up their gruesome loads of dead were pitiful in the extreme. Nearly all the victims were married, and leave families in poor circumstances. After the explosion the mine took fire, and for a time it looked as though the entire plant was doomed to destruction. The flames were finally controlled, however, and by evening it was cleared out.

A FACT.

PEARS' SOAP is bought to-day by everybody, and has maintained its reputation as the best of all toilet soaps for more than 100 years.—Advt.

THE BUBONIC PLAGUE.

NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS.

SIX PATIENTS DISCHARGED.

The absence of new cases of bubonic plague in and around Sydney still continues, and so far as existing cases are concerned six of the patients in the plague wards were yesterday discharged as cured. Their names are as follow:—Ruby Vipond, Margaret Anderson, and Percy Buttel (all of whom were patients from the Rushcutter Bay area), Albert Twist (an employee at Her Majesty's Theatre), Victor Vaudy (of Castlereagh and Goulburn streets), and George Woohuna (a Greek, who was removed from a fish shop in George-street West).

The general opinion among the authorities now is that the measures adopted to stamp out the plague have proved successful.

The total number of patients reported during the present outbreak was 51. Of that number 17 died, 10 recovered sufficiently to be discharged, and 24 still remain in the hospital.

Reports received from the Coast Hospital late last evening showed that with the exception of Watkins, who was in a critical condition, and Chuck Ong, who was not so well, all other patients were making steady progress towards recovery.

THE CITY COUNCIL.

MEETING OF HEALTH COMMITTEE.

ANOTHER RAT CRUSADE.

The health committee of the City Council held a meeting yesterday morning, the Mayor (Alderman Thomas Hughes) presiding.

OVERTIME ON SUNDAYS.

A letter was read from the Health Department respecting payment for overtime for men working on cleansing gangs during Sundays.

The matter was referred to the finance committee.

CRUSADE AGAINST RATS.

Letters were read from several municipal councils agreeing to continue the crusade against rats, and asking for rat poison to distribute amongst ratepayers.

The Mayor urged that the crusade should be continued with great activity, and that citizens should be appealed to for further aid in the way of laying poison.

Dr. Armstrong informed the council that six light carts would again be sent round the city to distribute poison.

It was resolved on the suggestion of the Mayor that these carts should distribute poison in the streets, the residents of which had not received any during the last distribution.

Alderman Evan Jones said he had been informed that Cowper Wharf, Woolloomooloo, was overrun with rats. He suggested that the Harbour Trust should be communicated with on the subject.

ALLEGATIONS BY THE HARBOUR TRUST.

The town clerk, in reply to the Mayor, said that as yet he had not received any reply to his letter asking the secretary of the Harbour Trust for particulars of the alleged neglect on the part of the council's officers.

Alderman Fitzgerald moved:—"That a further letter be sent to the secretary of the Harbour Trust asking for a reply to the town clerk's letter." The secretary of the trust had made charges the truth of which the council's officers denied.

The motion was carried.

MEN ON CLEANSING GANGS.

The city health officer, Dr. Armstrong, reported in reference to the suggested employment of more men on cleansing gangs, that he thought 24 might be put on. The cost involved would be about £15 for tools.

Alderman Evan Jones moved,—"That the 24 be put on, and that an extra cart should be employed." The area on which these men would be engaged would be that bounded by Park, George, Bathurst, and Pitt streets.

The motion was carried.

Dr. Armstrong, in reply to the Mayor, said that the work of cleansing four blocks had been finished: four other areas were in hand, two of which would be finished that day, and two more were to be commenced that day. That made 10 blocks in all.

THE COST OF CLEANSING.

The Mayor asked what steps were being taken to collect the accounts that had already been sent out for cleansing properties.

The town clerk replied that a second application had been made in many instances for payment.

The Mayor asked if, in the apportionment of costs, any consideration had been made for the time of carters engaged taking away the refuse.

The town clerk replied that the charge had been made per rata. Where a cart had not been engaged the whole day, the portion of the day had been charged.

IMPERIAL ARCADIA HOTEL.

Alderman Barlow asked the city health officer if it was not a fact that one or more cases of plague had been reported to have been taken from the Imperial Arcadia Hotel.

Dr. Armstrong replied that it was not a fact. No case of plague had been taken from there. The hotel had been inspected, and was in good condition.

INSPECTION OF PREMISES.

The town clerk read a progress report from the Health Department showing the numbers of premises inspected, number of buildings in good sanitary condition, &c. The report stated that 90 hotels had been inspected, also 32 restaurants, 93 cafes, 18 oyster saloons, 4 wine bars, 17 fruitshops, making a total of 260 premises inspected. Of these there were clean and sanitary in all respects, 111; proceeded for filthy premises, 7; notices served under section 47 of the Public Health Act, 113; notices served under section 193 of the Corporation Act, 11; notices served under section 196 of the Corporation Act, 26; referred to the health committee, 10; cautions administered, 7.

The Mayor said that, in addition to these figures, Dr. Armstrong had given him figures showing what work had been done from January 1 of this year up to the present time. Unfortunately those were not the same figures when speaking at the Mayoral luncheon on Tuesday. No fewer than 2610 notices to repair or pull down structurally defective and dilapidated buildings until for human habitation had been issued. In addition to that they had been able last year to get some 1500 buildings put into a sanitary condition, and also to pull down 264 houses. Those figures showed that there had been a marvellous increase in activity during this, as compared with last year.

THE POWERS OF THE COUNCIL.

Alderman Fitzgerald drew attention to the difficulties in the way of the council's operations. He said that the leading article in the "Herald" of that morning had shown a clear grasp of the subject. It seemed to him that as yet it was not generally understood what a great deal of the action in connection with the cleansing of the city could only be taken under section 24 of the Public Health Act, at a time when disease actually existed.

The Mayor said the clause was wide enough to cover almost anything, because it referred to "infectious diseases." It was his intention to continue cleansing the city.

Alderman Fitzgerald moved,—"That the city health officer be requested to prepare a minute on the subject of the difficulties of taking sanitary measures in the various cases."

After discussion the motion was carried on the casting vote of the chairman.

GARBAGE BOXES.

Alderman Evan Jones asked about the issue of garbage boxes—what was the rating limit below which a person would be supplied with a box free of charge.

The town clerk stated that a householder, the ratable value of whose premises did not exceed £25 per year, would be supplied with a box free of charge.

Alderman Jones approved of a suggestion that had been made that poor people should be allowed to pay for the boxes by instalments.

The Mayor said, in reply to a question, that the landlord could not be made to pay, because these boxes were not fixed conveniences. The council could not afford to give the boxes, but offered them at cost price to the ratepayers.

REGULATION OF STABLING.

The town clerk read the following communication from the Board of Health:—"That all stabling and forage rooms should have floors impervious to rats; forage rooms should have floors impervious to rats; that all stables and intervals all stocks of forage should be completely consumed, and before taking in fresh supplies the stables, feeding boxes, and store should be thoroughly and completely cleared out and cleaned, and ratholes closed with broken glass and cement; all corn bins to be covered over on the outside with zinc or other metal; all drains from stabling to be provided with movable trays and gratings; all manure and sweepings to be daily moved to a distance from the stabling, and not to be allowed to accumulate in manure pits or elsewhere."

The matter was referred to the city surveyor for report.

The health committee will meet at 10.30 o'clock this morning.

GARBAGE BOXES.

A correspondent signing himself "New Chum" asks:—"Under what Act and when it was passed are citizens compelled to pay 6s 9d for garbage boxes?" The City Council, by the powers conferred upon it by law, and in the interests of the sanitation of the city, now requires every householder "to provide in good order and condition with the cleansing of the city could only be taken under section 24 of the Public Health Act, at a time when disease actually existed.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—March 11.

Tambo, s., 732 tons, Captain G. F. Entwistle, from Hobart. Passengers—Mesdames Errington, Pitman, Misses Fowler, Dillon, Nurse Errington, Messrs. Cawenton, King, Sexand, and 6 in the second cabin. Huddart, Parker, and Co., Limited, agents.

Electra, s., 398 tons, Captain A. Forbes, from Manning River. Passengers—Mesdames Ellis, Cummins, M'Grath, Masters, Misses Freeman, K. Gillogly, B. Gillogly, Tilsell, Lambert, Whitton, Masters, Rev. Stuart, Messrs. Young, M'Laren, Parker, Ellis, Gollan, Grevett, and 10 in the steerage. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Kittawa, s., 1247 tons, Captain W. P. Collins, from Devonport, with steamer Glaucus in tow. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Newcastle, s., 1251 tons, Captain M. Thompson, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company, Limited, agents.

Lubra, s., 486 tons, Captain Walker, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company, Limited, agents.

Auruata, s., 204 tons, Captain Tulloch, from Tweed River. L. Tulloch, agent.

Electra, s., 398 tons, Captain A. Forbes, from Manning River. North Coast S.N. Company, Limited, agents.

Koongabyrd, barquentine, 253 tons, Captain Johnson, from Kaipara. R. S. Lamb and Co., agents.

Glaucus, s., 1363 tons, Captain J. Beer, from Devonport. A. Kethel, agent.

Barwon, s., 2399 tons, Captain Bell, from Melbourne. Huddart, Parker, and Co., Limited, agents.

Pahnara, s., North German Lloyd line., 1950 tons, from Singapore, Weber, Lohmann, and Co., Limited, agents.

Cooncoolerry, s., 146 tons, Captain Canty, from South Coast. J. Aubin and Son, agents.

Augsburg, s., German-Australian line, 4007 tons, Captain Koch, from Antwerp. H. W. Henderson, agent.

Augusta, s., 808 tons, Captain Tulloch, from Tweed River. L. Tulloch, agent.

DEPARTURES.—March 11.

R.M.S. Sierra, for San Francisco, via ports.

Hauroto, s., for Fiji, Samoa, and Tonga.

Kalgoorlie, s., for Melbourne, Adelaide, and Western Australia.

Wodonga, s., for Melbourne.

Arawatta, s., for Brisbane and ports.

Buninyong, s., for Brisbane and ports.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—March 12.

Omrah, R.M.S., for London, via Hobart, Marseilles, and ports; Namoi, s., for Newcastle; Electra, s., for Manning River; Eden, s., for Bermagui, Tathra, Merimbula, and Eden.

CLEARANCES.—March 11.

Arawatta, s., 2113 tons, Captain George Savage, for Cooktown, via ports. Passengers—Mrs. Davis, Mrs. F. W. Reiss and infant, Mrs. Cox, Mrs. M. F. Harbord and 2 children, Mrs. W. Doherty, Mrs. C. Lawrence, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. E. W. Lake, Mrs. Abrahams, Mrs. M'Lurcan, Miss Brown, Miss Gibson, Miss L. Gowdie, Miss Gray, Miss E. Parsons, Miss Borwick, Miss J. Ellwood, Miss L. Jackson, Nurse M'Gregor Robertson, Messrs. J. Rosenwig, Charles Speed, I. Abrahams, R. C. Mortimer, Rev. C. Boyall, R. M'Vaggart, W. B Bartlan, Master Bartlan, Master J. Bartlan, Master H. Davis, R. R. Hancorne, W. G. Clarke, G. M. Matheson, E. Barclay, H. P. Barlow, F. T. Wimble, C. Gall, W. Keith, A. Patterson, Boys, H. Jeffs, A. G. Tait, F. H. Stevens, J. Buck, A. C. Doyle, W. P. Shaw, R. Mathieson, Allan Anderson, C. W. Jarvis, Murray, Callagher, Clark, H. Smith, W. J. Ray, Pilot Michael, and 38 in the steerage.

Wodonga, s., 2349 tons, Captain J. E. Meaburn, for Melbourne. Passengers—Mesdames Crooke, Rogers, Gorringean, G. E. Moore, E. W. Lake, M'Kenzie 2 children and maid, Burgess and 2 infants, Lister-Henry, A. S. Fancett and child, Stobans, Misses Morris, Daniel, M'Clelland, Collins, Grant, Barkness, Pettifer-Jaine, Brown, M. Le Gould-Goodwin, Golding, M. Carrington, Messrs. Rogers, A. Verey, A. Whitehead, James E. Gibson, F. L. Rosenthal, O. P. Burgess, Lister-Henry, Grant, V. Barton, Lockmake, R. Purchase, Thomason, Archer, A. M. Draper, Crooke, Master H. Ballard, Grans, A. S. Fancett, A. F. Jowett, Mr. A. G. Fowler, and 35 in the steerage.

Kalgoorlie, s., 2051 tons, Captain H. M'Donald, for Fremantle, via Melbourne, Adelaide, and Albany. Passengers—Mrs. Byrne, Mrs. R. H. Campbell, Miss M. Hayes, Miss Wilkinson, Miss Hodges, Miss A. Ryan, Miss A. Clifford, Miss S. Ryan, Miss E. Smith, Miss Tonkin, Messrs. F. Banks, J. Copping, G. Lancaster, J. Monelton, R. E. Whitcell, T. H. Hind, J. F. Hudson, R. H. Campbell, H. F. Burns, F. A. Fitzpatrick, P. Kuster, J. Roberts, G. Shipton, E. H. Chapple, and 50 in the steerage.

Bancoto, s., 1208 tons, Captain Newton, for Wellington. Passengers—Misses Bain 2), Lavey, Messrs. D'Apuget, W. H. Johnson, The Hon. Frederick, F. A. Olifent, C. J. Bain, Ayre Davey, Hocke, and 4 in the steerage.

Buninyong, s., 1707 tons, Captain J. Selmes, for Brisbane. Passengers—Miss Chappell, Mrs. Riley, Mrs. Denton, Captain Anderson, Mrs. W. Donnerick, J. S. Taylor, A. E. Main, Selmes, Denton, Captain J. F. Thompson, also 10 in the second cabin.

Sierra, R.M.S., Captain Houdlette, for San Francisco, via ports, with passengers as published yesterday.

Barwon, s., 2399 tons, Captain Bell, for Newcastle, with part of original cargo.

COASTERS OUTWARD.—March 11.

Maud Weston, s., Captain W. C. Oliver, for Wollongong; Kalliston, s., Captain G. Nyholm, for Manning River; Burrawong, s., Captain R. Taplin, for Macleay River; Helen Nicoll, s., Captain H. O. Penner, for Newcastle.

IMPORTS.—March 11.

Electra, s., from Manning River: 328 bags maize, 25 bags oysters, 8 bags pumpkins, 70 bales brooms, 4 calves, 80 cases eggs, 6 cases bacon, 6 cases fish, 20 cases poultry, 2 horses, 35 hides, 4 bales maidenhair, 1 butter, 199 sleepers, 24 pieces hardwood, 115 pigs, and 253 packages sundries.

Kittawa, s., from Devonport: 6567 sacks potatoes, 2005 sacks oats, 520 sacks turnips, 75 sacks chaff, 53 sacks peas, 84 sacks wheat, 60 bales straw, 62 cases tomatoes, 6 cases apples, 4220 bars bullion, 7788 bags ore. For Newcastle: 306 sacks potatoes, 282 sacks oats, 148 sacks turnips.

Barwon, s., from Melbourne: 1560 bags chaff, 96 bags potatoes, 42 packages machinery, 319 bundles iron wheels, 512 bags chaff, 300 bags malt, 1376 bags sugar, 1000 fire-bricks, 227 bars and bundles iron, 30 coal baskets, 63 plates, and sundries.

Tambo, s., from Hobart: 7379 cases 3074 half-cases 176 cases evaporated fruit, 220 cases jam, 14,500ft. timber, 177 bundles palings, 200 cases tomatoes, 27 bags peas, 2 bales hops, 11 packages samples, 6 drums composition, 10 half-hogsheads ale, and Queensland trans-shipments.

Augusta, s., from Tweed River: 50 logs pine, 350 bags maize, 100 hides, 40 bags bones, &c., 2 cases fish, 6 casks tallow, 10 cases eggs, and sundries.

Koongabyrd, barquentine, from Kaipara: 302,389 superficial feet timber.

Gilmores, s., from Davenport: 6554 bags potatoes, 540 bags turnips, 2027 bags oats, 105 bags peas, 217 bales hay, 2 crates vegetables; also transhipment cargo.

EXPORTS.—March 11.

Sierra, R.M.S., for San Francisco, via ports: 82 bags sugar, 10 bags flour, 75 cases champagne, 787 bags onions, 50 hides skins, 166 bags potatoes, 67 pieces hardwood, 200 barrels cocoanut oil, and sundries.

Custom-house.—Entered outwards: March 11, Saint Louis, s., Captain E. Proust, for Noumea, via Newcastle; Colac, s., Captain F. Webb, for Melbourne, via Newcastle; Maryalua, s., Captain Colin M'Donald, for Rockhampton; Lota, barque, Captain D. Brown, for Falmouth; Barwon, s., Captain F. Bell, for Melbourne; Australian, s., Captain F. T. Helms, for Japan, via ports.

BAR HARBOURS.

The following reports were yesterday received as to the bars along the coast:—

Ballina.—14ft. on the bar, 10ft. on inside channel at high water.

Clarence Heads.—14ft. on the bar at high water.

Camden Haven Heads.—7ft. 6in. on the bar, 7ft. 2in. on crossing at high water.

Nambucca Heads.—8ft. on bar at high water, 3ft. rise of tide.

Manning Heads.—12ft. on the bar this tide, rise of tide 8ft. 6in., entrance over bar very narrow. 8ft. on crossing at high water; sea smooth.

Port Macquarie.—10ft. 6in. on bar at high water this morning.

Bellinger Heads.—9ft. on the bar at high water this morning, channel along north beach; crossing 6ft. 6in., rise of tide 3ft.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING NEWS.

BRISBANE.—Departures: March 11, Mildura, s., for Rockhampton; Moira, s., Adelaide, s., for Sydney; Rockton, s., for Cairns; Julia Percy, s., for Rockhampton; Treana, s., for Bundaberg; Tyrian, s., for Townsville.

KEPPEL BAY.—Departure: March 11, Leura, s., for Brisbane.

FLATTOP.—Arrival: March 11, Innamincka, s., from Cooktown.

BOWEN.—Arrival: March 11, Aramac, s., from Brisbane. Departure: March 11, Barcoo, s., for Brisbane.

TOWNSVILLE.—Arrival: March 10, Bandalong, s., from Liverpool. Departure: March 10, Changsha, s., for Sydney.

THURSDAY ISLAND.—Arrival: March 11, Kasuga Maru, s., from Japan. Departure: March 10, Chingtu, s., for Hongkong.

NEWCASTLE.—Arrivals: March 11, Ras Elba, s., Perth, s., Boveric, s., from Melbourne; Namoi, s., Tamar, s., Tangerine, s., Kamona, s., Wyoming, s., Alice, s., Era, s., Corvalea, s., from Sydney. Departures: March 11, Wyoming, s., for period of the Richmond River; Kamona, s., for Devonport, via Kembla, with 450 tons coal; Tamar, s., Sophia Ann, s., Alice, s., Namoi, s., Advance, schooner, for Sydney.

MELBOURNE.—Arrival: March 11, Karawarra, s., from Sydney. Departures: March 11, India, R.M.S., for London; Woolwich, s., for Durban; Paroo, s., and Bularra, s., for Adelaide; Thora, for Burnie; Taheena, s., for Launceston; Gulf of Bothnia, s., for Sydney.

ALBANY.—Arrivals: March 11, Clonmurry, s., from Fremantle; Gulf of Genoa, s., at 8 a.m., from Melbourne. Departures: March 10, Darius, s., at 9 p.m., for eastern States. March 11, Ioel Holme, s., at 9.45 a.m., for Durban.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN SHIPPING.

LONDON, Tuesday.

Arrivals: Beecroft and Beatrice.
Departures: Craigisla, for Adelaide.

(For continuation of Shipping Intelligence see Page 10.)

METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

Observatory, Tuesday.

Average rainfall for 43 years, 49·828.
Rainfall from January 1, 3·041.

STATE OF BAROMETERS AT 9 A.M.

Perth, 30·00; Esperance Bay, 30·13; Eucla, 30·15; Streaky Bay, 30·15; Adelaide 30·19; Robe 30·23; Portland, 30·24; Melbourne, 30·23; Wilson's Promontory, 30·28; Gabo Island, 30·22; Cape St. George, 30·27; Sydney, 30·29; Port Macquarie, 30·33; Clarence Heads, 30·30; Brisbane, 30·21; Rockhampton, 30·15; Mackay, 30·08; Cooktown, 29·99.

RAINFALLS.

New South Wales (24 hours preceding 9 a.m.):—Bathurst 1 point, Bega 10, Eedalla 29, Bundarra 6, Cape St. George 15, Carcoar 42, Carinda 4, Casino 18, Casalis 9, Clarence 13, Cobar 9, Condobolin 14, Coolah 4, Cooma 10, Coonamble 45, Cowra 22, Forbes 33, Goulburn 28, Grenfell 45, Gulgong 12, Hill End 83, Katoomba 72, Molong 61, Morungorel 2, Moruya Heads 8, Mount Victoria 57, Mudgee 30, Murrurundi 4, Nimitybelle 3, Nymagee 24, Orange 10, Pilliga 1, Quambone 13, Rockley 5, Scone 120, Sydney 60, Tabulam 3, Temworth 10, Wariadia 6, Wellington 28, Wollongong 23, Young 8, Aralnen 5, Bateman's Bay 2, Bendemeer 4, Blackheath 9, Blackville 1, Candelo 12, Cannonbar 19, Eualabong 70, Girilambone 13, Gongolgon 21, Hungerford 10, Kiama 11, Kurrajong 30, Manilla 8, Merriwa 7, Nundle 42, Parkes 20, Trangie 13, Ulladulla 2, Ungarie 16, Warren 11, Werris Creek 2, Woolgoolga 50, Bizyney 16, Bugowra 39.

At 3 p.m. there were thunderstorms at Aralnen, Coolah, Grafton, Port Stephens, Seal Rocks; showery at Muswellbrook, Tamworth, Tenterfield, Maitland.

RAINFALL AT 9 P.M.

Armidale 93 points, Bathurst 24, Bowral 11, Mount Victoria 11, Newcastle 156, Moss Vale 100.

COASTAL REPORTS AT 8 P.M.

Tweed Heads, E.S.E., fresh, cloudy, sea moderate; Byron Bay, E.N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Ballina, E., fine, sea smooth; Clarence Heads, S.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Woolgoolga, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Bellinger Heads, N.E., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Nambucca Heads, N.E., dull, cloudy, sea smooth; Macleay Heads, calm, cloudy, sea smooth; Port Macquarie, S.E., cloudy, sea smooth; Manning Heads, S.W., cloudy, sea smooth; Seal Rocks, N., light, hazy, sea smooth; Port Stephens, N.E., light, fine, sea moderate; Newcastle, E.N.E., fresh, cloudy, sea smooth; Lake Macquarie Heads (6 p.m.), N.E., fresh, cloudy, like rain, sea smooth; Catherine Hill Bay (6 p.m.), N.E., fresh, cloudy, like rain, sea smooth; Barrenjoey, E.N.E., light, dull, sea smooth; South Head, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Wollongong, N.E., fresh, cloudy, sea slight; Kiama, N., fresh, cloudy, sea moderate; Crookhaven Heads, N.E., fresh, cloudy, sea smooth; Jervis Bay, N.E., fresh, fine, sea moderate; Ulladulla, calm, fine, sea smooth; Batesman's Bay, calm, cloudy, sea smooth; Moruya, N.E., fresh, cloudy, sea moderate; Eden, N.N.E., light, cloudy, fine, sea smooth; Green Cape, N.E., fresh, cloudy, misty, sea moderate; Gabo Island, N.E., strong, cloudy, misty, sea moderate; Nelson's Bay, N.E., light, fine, sea moderate.

FORECASTS AT 9 P.M.

New South Wales.—Conditions still favour rain and thunderstorms over central and eastern districts. Et to N.E. winds.—H. C. Russell.

South Australia.—Fine and hot; mostly clear; E. and N.E. winds; sea breezes; sea smooth.—C. Todd.

Victoria.—Fine weather generally, with scattered clouds, warm inland; light easterly and north-easterly winds, or near the coast sea breezes; sea slight.—P. Baracchi.

Western Australia.—Mostly fair or sultry throughout, but a little cooler in the coastal districts.—W. E. Cooke.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR MARCH 12.

Sun rises at 5.51, sets at 6.19; Mean, 8.2 a.m., 7.16 p.m.; Mercury, 3.44 a.m., 5.5 p.m.; Venus, 8.27 a.m., 4.23 p.m.; Mars, 6.10 a.m., 6.51 p.m.; Jupiter, 2.22 a.m., 4.16 p.m.; Saturn, 2.27 a.m., 4.33 p.m.

New moon, 16th; full moon, 24th.

High water at Fort Denison, 9.40 a.m., 10.2 p.m.

THE MAILS.

THIS DAY.

South Australia.—Overland, 5.30 p.m.

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Letters for Melbourne only will be accepted without late fee for the express from 5.30 to 6.30 p.m., if posted at G.P.O. in the special box, which will be open for that purpose during the time stated.

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Valparaiso, via Newcastle.—Okhotsyre, 8 a.m.

Mangarie Island and Eden.—Eden, 11 a.m.

Hobart.—R.M.S. Omrah, 10 a.m.

Manning River.—Electra, 4 p.m.

Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Congoo, 5.30 p.m.

Western Australia, via Adelaide.—Paroo, 5.30 p.m.

Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Flora, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY.

Macleay River.—Burrawong, 8 a.m.

Auckland, &c., N.Z.—Zealandia, 11 a.m.

Hobart.—Tambo, 3 p.m.

Samoa (British New Guinea), via Brisbane.—Arawatta, 5.45 p.m.

Port Macquarie and Nambucca River.—Rosedale, 4 p.m.

Strahan, Zeehan, and West Coast of Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Kawatiri, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY.

Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Pateena, 5.30 p.m.

Byron Bay, Coff's Harbour, and Woolgoolga.—Dorrigo, 9 p.m.

SATURDAY.

Brisbane.—Peregrine, 11 a.m.

Wellington, &c., N.Z.—Warrimoo, 11 a.m.

Monte Video, Buenos Ayres, Chili, and Rio Janeiro, from Wellington.—Gothic, 11 a.m.

Thursday Island, Port Darwin, Manila, Hongkong, and Japan.—Australian, noon.

Richmond River.—St. George, 1 p.m.

Clarence River.—Symboida, 8 p.m.

Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Flora, 9.30 p.m.

* Western Australia, via Adelaide.—Kalgoorlie, 9.30 p.m.

MONDAY.

Eden.—Eden, 11 a.m.

Hobart and Launceston.—Oonah, 11 a.m.

Dunedin, &c., N.Z., and Hobart, via Melbourne.—Mokoia, 5.30 p.m.

Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Congoo, 5.30 p.m.

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The Sydney Morning Herald.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 1902.

Lord Methuen has been captured by Commandant Delarey.

Lord Kitchener announces that, together with Lord Methuen, several guns, much baggage, and many officers and men had been captured by the Boers.

Lord Kitchener informs the War Office that on receipt of the news he arranged to send additional troops to the district.

Commandant Delarey's sudden activity, which resulted in this important capture, is attributed by Lord Kitchener to an attempt to relieve the pressure on Commandant de Wet.

Speaking with reference to Lord Methuen in the House of Lords Lord Roberts bore witness to the value of the captured General's services.

With regard to Magersfontein, Lord Methuen had been set an almost impossible task, and he was not blameworthy for his failure to relieve Kimberley.

Since then, continued the Commander-in-Chief, he had distinguished himself for his zeal, intelligence, and great perseverance.

Lord Methuen more than once assisted Commandant Delarey's family.

Full particulars of the British disaster which involved the capture of Lord Methuen and other officers and men are contained in our cables of this morning.

The Boers attacked in the morning, and a panic was caused by the stampede of mules.

The enemy consisted of 1500 men, nearly all clad in khaki.

Lord Methuen's thigh was fractured.

Lord Kitchener hopes that the reinforcements he is sending will rectify the situation without disturbing operations elsewhere.

Mr. Steyn and Mr. Schalk Burger are reported to have informed Lord Kitchener that they will only negotiate on the basis of the complete independence of the late republics.

The Russian Minister for Finance has assured Mr. Horner, M.P., that Russia desired a good understanding with England, and if asked would probably countersign the Anglo-Japanese treaty.

The Lord Mayor of London opened the Colonial Exhibition on Monday. Western Australia was the only Australian State represented.

The death is announced of Mr. James Hingston, formerly of Melbourne.

Mr. Gilbert Parker doubts the financial success of colonial re-mount depots during peace. He advocates that the colonies and motherland should co-operate in naval and military defence.

Mr. C. A. Pearson has offered a prize of £4000 for the first aerial voyage from London to Birmingham. M. Dumont will compete.

It is asserted that the smallpox epidemic in London may continue throughout next winter, and perhaps be marked by increased activity.

The dispute between the French and United States Consuls at Tientsin regarding the Methodist Episcopal Mission buildings has been referred to the French and American Ministers at Peking.

The Sydney Presbytery has nominated Dr. Alexander Hay, of Rockhampton, for the position of Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

The trial of Mary Schippan in connection with the Towitta tragedy was concluded at Adelaide yesterday. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

No fresh case of plague has been reported in Sydney since Friday. Yesterday six patients were discharged from the Coast Hospital as cured.

In regard to the death of the jockey Manning, who was killed during the running of the V.R.C. Newmarket Handicap, the jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

Miss Horton, of the Zenana Mission at Mozaffarpore, India, arrived in Sydney by the Euryalus on Monday.

A man named Wood died of plague in Brisbane on Monday night. Deceased's widow is suffering from the disease.

The City Council has determined to continue the crusade against rats.

The Shagpoint coal mine, Otago has been closed down owing to the sea having broken into it.

Sir Gordon Sprigg has telegraphed to Mr. Seddon expressing delight with the stand taken by New Zealand on behalf of South Africa.

Sir Herbert Chermside the new Governor of Queensland arrived at Adelaide by the Ortona yesterday.

The body of Mr. C. Y. O'Connor C.M.G. was discovered on Monday in about 3ft. of water on the beach near Fremantle. There was a bullet wound in the month.

Cardinal Moran landed at Fremantle on Monday, and was entertained at luncheon by the oblate fathers.

At a meeting of St. Patrick's general committee last night, it was decided to send a telegram to the Federal Premier protesting against the refusal of the Commonwealth Government to recognise St. Patrick's Day as a public holiday.

Some useful rains have fallen in different portions of the colony.

Owing to washaways on the railway line between Aberdeen and Scone, a Brisbane express train narrowly escaped a serious accident. An engine was partly derailed.

The Minister for Works has received a report regarding the operations of the State labour agencies, and he states that the number of unemployed has been enormously reduced since the Reid Government was in power.

Mr Wise promised a deputation of Civil servants yesterday that the Government would consider individual cases of injustice in connection with the superannuation fund.

The value of the estate of the late Hon. G. H. Cox has been sworn for probate purposes at £48,853.

The Queensland elections took place yesterday. Mr. Philp was returned for Townsville by a substantial majority. The ascertainable results of the other contests are published elsewhere.

The latest returns show the position of parties to be as follows:—Government, 42; Labour, 24; Independent, 6.

The Royal Commission upon the Sydney water supply visited the dams on the Cataract and at the junction of the Nepean and Cordeaux rivers yesterday. The Cataract was found to be absolutely dry.

At a meeting of the City Council last night the Mayor submitted a minute prescribing means for the collection of city garbage at night instead of by day.

Mr. Barton states that he knows of no negotiations that have been commenced in regard to discriminating between Japanese and other alien immigration.

The House of Representatives yesterday gave further consideration to the tariff in committee. The principal business before the Senate was the Electoral Bill.

The Postmaster-General has decided that whilst the New South Wales post-offices shall remain open on March 17, as many officers as can be spared shall be given leave of absence for the day.

A writ has been issued to fill the vacancy caused in the House of Representatives by the death of Mr. F. W. Piesse.

The English cricketers, with the exception of MacLaren and Hayward, have arrived at Broken Hill, and have commenced a match against a local 18.

The New South Wales cricket team which is to visit Queensland includes Marsh, Pye, Farquhar, Diamond, Meares, and Loveridge.

The United Methodist Conference in Melbourne terminated last evening.

The New Zealand Government has decided to quarantine vessels arriving from New South Wales ports.

It has been decided to grant the unemployed the use of the Town Hall for the holding of a public meeting, provided the resolutions to be moved are previously submitted to the City Council.

By means of a bore what is believed to be an inexhaustible supply of good water has been tapped near Dubbo.

An Australian cricket team commenced a two days

against 6; heavy draughts 20, against 9; and blood mares 5, against 3; while blood stallions show a decrease of only one. Mr. Webster is gratified with the returns, which, all things considered, are eminently satisfactory. The tattoo arranged for Good Friday night will be one of the features of the carnival. The Amateur Band Association will provide the programme, and massed bands of 300 performers will take part. Mr. S. A. Thompson, president of the Band Association, has composed and dedicated to the Royal Society a Show March, which will be played on the occasion.

Sailing of the R.M.S. Sierra.—There was quite an animated scene at the Oceanic Company's wharf, Circular Quay, on the departure of the R.M.S. Sierra yesterday. The steamer was packed with passengers and their friends wishing them bon voyage, and as she swung into the stream shortly after 1 p.m. there was much waving of handkerchiefs and signs of farewell were exchanged. The Sierra took away a record number of passengers for this line for this season of the year.

The R.M.S. Omrah.—The Orient-Pacific Company's liner Omrah, sailing to-day for London, is well patronised. The English and Australian teams of cricketers join the vessel at Adelaide. In the outgoing list of passengers from Sydney are Dr. Roland Pope, Mr. L. O. S. Poidevin, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Browne and family, Dr. E. Maynard Pain and family, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Arnott and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M'Quade, Lieutenant Pickering, Naval Cadet J. E. G. Smith, Mrs. Lance Smith and three daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Ray, and Mr. W. R. Charlton.

Rabbi Landau, representing the Synagogue, was an invited guest, and was present at the Mayor's quarterly luncheon on Tuesday. Mr. P. E. Quaine, M.L.A., was also present.

A meeting of the organising committee of the unemployed was held at the rooms of the State Labourers' Union last night. The Mayor of Sydney, in reply to a requisition, stated that he was willing to grant the use of the Town Hall for the purpose of holding a public meeting to deal with the unemployed question, provided the resolution to be moved was first submitted to him. This was agreed to, and the terms of the proposed resolution were forwarded to his Worship for approval.

Mr. A. H. Ford, who lately left Messrs. W. and A. M'Arthur, after 11 years' service, to join Messrs. W. Gardiner and Co.'s staff, has been made the recipient of a very handsome plated tea service by several of his fellow-employees as a token of their esteem. The presentation was made by Mr. Meyers.

We have received from Mr. T. A. Coghlan, Government Statistician, bulletin No. 8 of the census, dealing with the religions of the people.

In the "Government Gazette" of yesterday it is declared that tick fever or Texas fever in cattle, horses, sheep, pigs, or goats, is an infectious disease under the Stock Act of 1901. A further proclamation prohibits, for a period of 12 months, the importation of these animals from Western Australia. Regulations are also made with regard to the importation of such stock from Queensland.

The Watson's Bay and South Shore Steam Ferry Company, Limited, elsewhere announce that they will from Tuesday next resume the south shore service, calling at Darling Point, Point Piper, Carrara, and Clark Island when required.

On Saturday evening last a number of gentlemen friends of Mr. Thomas A. H. Webb tendered him a complimentary dinner at Drummoyne prior to his departure for England, per R.M.S. Omrah, to-day, it being his intention to travel with the Australian cricketers. The chair was occupied by Mr. Langley, who proposed the guest's health and wished him safe return, and also presented him with a silver card case and match box, suitably inscribed. Mr. Webb responded, and thanked those present for their kindness towards him. The rest of the evening was spent in harmony.

At the Cambridge Club Hotel, Oxford-street, on last evening, the council of the Crown-street Old Boys' Union entertained the members at a smoke concert. There was a large gathering presided over by Mr. E. Banks.

At a meeting of the Hospital Saturday Fund Committee held at the local Town Hall on Monday, Mrs. W. R. Beaver presiding, the appointments of lady stallholders for the ninth annual Carnival collection on May 3 next were made.

The adjourned meeting of the Army Remount committee was held at the Agricultural Society's rooms on Monday last, the Hon. F. B. Suttor presiding. A sub-committee was elected to carry out the details of the proposed conference to be held in Sydney during the Agricultural Society's show. A special meeting of the committee will be held tomorrow afternoon, at the Agricultural Society's rooms, at 4.30, for the purpose of considering an alteration of the date, as suggested by Major-General Sir Edward Hutton.

In another column it is notified that Dr. Mary Booth and Miss I. E. Hooper will deliver addresses before the Woomanhood Suffrage League at the School of Arts this evening.

Under the auspices of the Australian Church, a miscellaneous entertainment of music, tableaux, fancy club-swinging, &c., will be given to-night in the I.O.O.F. Temple, Elizabeth-street.

The forty-second anniversary of St. George's Free Presbyterian Church, Castlereagh-street, will be celebrated to-night, when the Rev. S. P. Stewart (of Balmain), the Rev. John Sinclair (of Victoria), and others will speak.

Dr. W. M. Dill Macky will deliver a lecture this evening to the Our Boys' Institute, on "Some characteristics of the British people."

A correspondent signing himself "Dionysius" writes, stating that laxity exists in some of the Government departments in not paying their officers who are located in the country on the first of each month, as they are supposed to do. He says this is not done except during the time Parliament is in session.

The R.A.A. Band will perform in the Botanic Gardens this afternoon, commencing at 3.30.

THE FEDERAL CONTINGENT.

The showery weather yesterday morning interfered considerably with the work of the third battalion encamped in the Centennial Park. The men slept comfortably in their tents during the heavy showers that fell in the night, as the ground around the tents having been well trenched the rain waters had no ingress. The horses exposed in the lines to the weather stood the test well. A few started kicking, but they were removed to another part of the camp, and tethered a good distance apart, with no opportunity of tormenting one another.

Yesterday afternoon a regimental mounted parade was held in the park, under Lieutenant-Colonel Wallack, C.B. The three companies were exercised in movements on masse, and in line of column. Afterwards the troop leaders practised the men in cavalry mounting and dismounting.

The last of the saddles arrived yesterday, and with the exception of a few kits the equipment of the battalion is complete.

Lieutenant-Colonel Wallack was advised officially last night that Major Wallace, of the Victorian R.A.A., had been appointed second in command of the battalion, vice Captain Deacon, C.B., resigned. Major G.S. Lee, D.S.O. (Lancers), is still in camp, and his services have been so valuable that the officer commanding is loth to part with him for some days.

DEATH OF MR. T. M. ALCOCK.

Mr. Thomas Matthew Alcock, the well known jeweller, and for many years past a prominent figure in racing circles, died yesterday morning at his residence, Maitstone, Cowper. His end was not unexpected as for the last two years he had been in bad health, suffering from paralysis. The immediate cause of death, however, was pneumonia, which set in on Sunday night. Dr. O. H. Rebbeck attended him to the last. The deceased gentleman was born in Lexington, Warwickshire, England, 54 years ago, and arrived in the colony at the age of eight. The early part of his life here was spent in the Castlereagh district, where he was employed in station work. In 1872 the late Mr. Alcock commenced business as a watchmaker and jeweller in George-street, Haymarket, and by his industry and special attention to the wants of his customers, he built up the large and flourishing concern which is carried on at the present time under the name of T. M. Alcock and Son.

The deceased was widely known and respected in the racing world, having been a director of the Rosehill and Kensington companies, as well as timekeeper for the A.J.C., Tattersall's, Rosehill, the Hawkesbury, and other racing bodies for a number of years. He was a resident of Coogee for the last 10 or 12 years, and since then has represented South Ward for a period in the Randwick Municipal Council. He was of a quiet and unassuming disposition, but had a large circle of friends, amongst whom he was very popular. Deceased leaves a widow, one daughter (Mrs. A. Cameron), and three sons, George, Thomas, and William, the first two of whom are married.

At the meeting of the Randwick Council last night it was resolved to send a letter of condolence to the widow and family.

The funeral of the deceased will leave Coogee at 12.45 p.m. to-day for the Necropolis.

TO-DAY.

Kensington Races: First event, 2.16 p.m.
Gas Cooking Demonstrations: School of Arts, 2.30 p.m.
The Methodist Conference: Centenary Hall, 9.45, 10 a.m., and 2 p.m.
Y.M.C.A. Hall: Lecture, Rev. Dr. W. M. Dill Macky, 8.0 p.m.
Australian Church: Popular Entertainment, 8 p.m.
Universal Brotherhood and Theosophical Society: Public Entertainment, 8 p.m.
A Meeting re Establishing Public Dispensary at Miller's Point, 151 George-street, 8 p.m.
Friendly Societies' Association, N.S.W.: Annual Meeting, Elizabeth-street, 8 p.m.
Cremorne: Cinematograph, Illusions, "Last Days of Jerusalem," 10 a.m. till 10 p.m.
Her Majesty's Theatre: "Ben Hur," 2 and 7.45 p.m.
Lyceum Theatre: "Hearts are Trumps," 8 p.m.
Palace Theatre: The World's Entertainers, 2.30 and 8 p.m.
Theatre Royal: "Aladdin," 2 and 7.45 p.m.
Tivoli Theatre: Vaudeville Company, 2.30 and 8 p.m.
Zoological Movement: Queen's Hall, Pitt-street, 3 and 7 p.m.

REVERSE IN THE TRANSVAAL.

CAPTURE OF LORD METHUEN.

BY COMMANDANT DELAREY.

STAMPEDE OF CONVOY.

PANIC OF MOUNTED INFANTRY.

A SCENE OF CONFUSION.

THE BOERS' CHARGE.

GUNS AND BAGGAGE CAPTURED.

GALLANT STAND OF A SMALL PARTY.

SURROUNDED AND OVERPOWERED.

THE INFANTRY'S BRAVERY.

LONDON, March 10.

Commandant Delarey has captured Lieutenant-General Lord Methuen, several of his officers, and four guns.

Lord Methuen was wounded in one of his thighs.

The British casualties were 30 killed and wounded. Many were captured.

THE DESPATCHES.

HOW THE DISASTER OCCURRED.

BRITISH COLUMN DIVIDED.

BOER TACTICS.

LONDON, March 11.

Lord Kitchener, in a despatch dated Saturday, stated:—

"With great regret I have to report the capture of Lord Methuen, his guns, baggage, many officers and men.

"The news was brought to Maribogo by 550 mounted men, who were pursued by the Boers for four miles from the scene of the action.

"Lieutenant G. R. Venning, D.S.O., of the 4th Battery of Royal Field Artillery, and Lieutenant T. P. W. Nesham, of the 38th Battery, were killed while gallantly serving the guns with case shot.

"Thirty-nine men were killed.

"Four officers were severely wounded, and one other was dangerously wounded, while the wounded men numbered 72.

"Captain W. A. Tilney, of the 17th Lancers, and 200 men are missing, but many of these are probably included among the arrivals at Maribogo.

"I would suggest a delay in the publication of the news until definite information is obtained. I have arranged to send troops to the district."

Lord Kitchener added that he considered that the sudden activity of Commandant Delarey was an attempt to relieve the pressure being put by the British upon Commandant de Wet.

In a later despatch on Saturday Lord Kitchener explained that Lord Methuen, with Major Paris, 900 mounted infantry, 300 infantry, four guns, and a pom-pom, were moving from Vryburg to Lichtenberg in the Western Transvaal, to meet Lieutenant-Colonel H. M. Grenfell with 1300 mounted infantry at Rooirantjesfontein on Saturday.

Early on Friday morning, between Tweebosch and Palmietul, Commandant Delarey charged Lord Methuen's force on three sides.

Lord Kitchener reported on Sunday:—

"Major Paris and the remainder of the men are at Kraaipan. Major Paris reports that the column moved in two parties. Some with ox parties left Tweebosch at 3 o'clock on Friday morning, while others with the mule waggons left at 4 o'clock.

"The attack was made after dawn.

"Before reinforcements were available the rear screen of the column broke, and many Boers galloped up on both flanks.

"The Boers were first stopped by the flank parties, but then there was a panic.

"A stampede of mules had already begun. All the mule waggons, with a terrible mixture of mounted infantry, rushed past the ox waggons.

"All efforts to check the panic were unavailing.

"Major Paris collected 40 men, and occupied a position a mile ahead of the ox waggons, which were brought to a standstill.

"After a gallant though useless defence the enemy rushed in to the waggons. Major Paris was surrounded, and at 10 o'clock in the morning he surrendered."

THE LATEST PARTICULARS.

Mr. St. John Brodrick, the Secretary of State for War, in the House of Commons at midnight last night, read the following despatch from Lord Kitchener:—

Monday.

"The ox convoy escorted by half of Lord Methuen's force preceded the mules by an hour on Friday morning.

"Commandant Delarey with 1500 men nearly all of whom wore khaki, and a 15-pounder and a pom-pom made a sudden enveloping attack upon the rear. The first confusion was caused by the native boys galloping through the mule convoy. The latter by direction of Lord Methuen endeavoured to join the ox convoy.

"The disorder was communicated to the Mounted Infantry. The Boers galloping up beside the waggons frustrated attempts to rally the troops, and the section of Mounted Infantry and the mule waggons galloped three miles beyond the ox waggons and were intercepted by the enemy.

"Sections of the 4th and the 38th batteries of Royal Field Artillery with Lord Methuen fought with great gallantry.

"The 300 infantry, comprising companies from the Northumberland Fusiliers and the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, displayed conspicuous courage and refused to surrender until resistance was useless.

"The forces of Commandants Celliers, Kemp, and Vermaas were present at the action."

LORD METHUEN'S INJURIES.

LONDON, March 11.

In the latest despatch received by Mr. Brodrick in the House of Commons last night Lord Kitchener thus speaks of Lord Methuen:—

"Lord Methuen has one of his thighs fractured. He is well cared for in his own waggon."

REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVING.

LONDON, March 11.

Lord Kitchener in his despatch states that he hopes that the reinforcements which are now arriving in the district where the disaster occurred will rectify the situation without disturbing operations elsewhere.

THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

LORD METHUEN'S SERVICES.

WARM APPRECIATION BY LORD ROBERTS.

THE MAGERSFONTEIN REVERSE.

LONDON, March 10.

References to the disaster were made in the House of Lords to-day.

Lord Roberts, the Commander-in-Chief, delivered a speech in which he expressed warm appreciation of Lord Methuen's services. He deprecated adverse criticism.

The Marquis of Salisbury, the Prime Minister, concurred in the remarks of Lord Roberts.

March 11.

Earl Roberts, in the course of his speech in the House of Lords yesterday afternoon, said: "As regards Magersfontein, a careful survey of the Boer position convinced me that Lord Methuen was given an almost impossible task, and that he was not blamable for his failure to relieve Kimberley.

"Since then Lord Methuen has been distinguished for zeal, intelligence, and great perseverance, and he has not sustained any check. He is beloved by his men. No work is too hard for him or for them.

"Lord Methuen more than once assisted and looked after the family of Commandant Delarey, and I am convinced, from the humane and civilised manner in which Commandant Delarey has acted throughout, the war Lord Methuen will be well cared for by him."

Earl Spencer, leader of the Opposition in the House of Lords, and the Marquis of Salisbury, the Prime Minister, paid generous tributes to Lord Methuen.

IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

THE READING OF THE DESPATCHES.

REJOICING OF SOME NATIONALISTS.

TRIBUTE TO LORD METHUEN CHEERED.

MR. DILLON AND MR. HEALY PARTICIPATE.

LONDON, March 11.

In the House of Commons Mr. St. John Brodrick, the Secretary of State for War, read the despatches from Lord Kitchener telling of the disaster.

Profound silence prevailed until Mr. Brodrick reached that part of the despatch announcing the capture of Lord Methuen, his guns, and baggage.

Some of the Irish Nationalists then burst into cheers and laughter, amid cries of "Shame" from the Ministerial and other benches.

Mr. John Dillon, in the absence of Mr. John Redmond, the leader of the Nationalists, vainly tried to check Mr. J. G. S. MacNeill and the other noisy members of his party.

Mr. Brodrick paid a tribute to Lord Methuen, and it was loudly cheered by the majority of the House, Mr. Dillon and Mr. T. M. Healey, of the Nationalists, joining in the plaudits.

REGRET IN GREAT BRITAIN.

A MOST UNTOWARD INCIDENT.

RESOLVE TO COMPLETE THE WAR STRENGTHENED.

LONDON, March 11.

The concensus of public opinion on the disaster is a general feeling of disappointment and regret for one of the most untoward incidents of the war. The temporary set back is regarded as inopportune, but it strengthens the resolve for the making by Great Britain of a greater and more determined effort to end the struggle.

COPING WITH DELAREY.

A STRATEGIST OF ABILITY AND INITIATIVE WANTED.

LONDON, March 11.

The "Times," commenting upon the capture of Lord Methuen, says that the British commander in dealing with Commandant Delarey ought to be a strategist of ability, exercising initiative, based upon good and rapid information.

THE LOSSES.

LONDON, March 11.

As far as the despatches show the losses were:—

	Killed.	Wounded.	Missing.
Officers	.. 2	.. 5	.. 1
Men	.. 39	.. 72	.. 200

The despatches explain, however, that many of the missing are probably included among the arrivals at Kraaipan and Maribogo.

A FIGHTING GENERAL.

(BY A. B. PATERSON.)

Of all the generals at the war none commanded more personal loyalty from all who served under him than did Lord Methuen. He was a fighting man in every inch of his 6ft. 3in. of height; and it is the irony of fate that he, who always pushed on and pursued the enemy and took risks and made dashing marches, should be humiliated, while stay-at-home generals, who would not move a yard without supports, and who never did any good in the war, are able to pose as "successful generals."

He had been a great athlete and boxer in his day, and was "too fond of a fight," if such an expression can be used about a general. In the early part of the war he sent his division remorselessly against the kopjes of Belmont and Grasspan, and attacked the trenches in the Modder River. Then came his great reverse of Magersfontein. In all the earlier fights his men had carried the positions by brilliant dash; here, owing to coming unexpectedly on the trenches in the dark, the brigade were decimated before they had time to make their rush. The result is ancient history by now, but if the ground had been properly scouted the disaster could not have occurred.

After this Lord Roberts superseded Lord Methuen in direct command, and the latter idled away some weeks on the banks of the Modder—a general without an army. The army under Lord Roberts had gone on up the Modder River after the flying Cronje, and nothing was left at Modder River station but a mushroom forest of empty tents. Among these Methuen had his camp, with just his own personal staff round him. Here he attended to all detail work of the lines of communication while his fate as a soldier hung in the balance. Lord Roberts found that he could not do without him, and restored him to command of a division.

With this division he was mainly engaged in pursuit of De Wet; time and again he pushed his division along with worn-out horses and sleepless men, only to find that through some want of co-operation on the part of other columns the enemy had slipped through a gap and got away. The severest disappointment he ever encountered was when he chased De Wet for days, fighting every day, up to the passes at Oliphant's Nek. The pursuing forces were so exhausted that they could scarcely crawl along, and De Wet was abandoning waggons, guns, and horses, all along the route. His capture seemed certain, as the passes were all held against him by British troops, but by some awful blunder the Nek was vacated a few hours before De Wet's vanguard arrived. Army report ascribed this fiasco to the versatile Baden-Powell, but the truth of the rumour will never be known till the sea gives up its dead—or until the despatches are all published. On those forced marches Lord Methuen would start the column away and then walk right through it—a gaunt old figure striding along at the head of his staff—while his saddled horse was led in readiness behind him. Fatigue he never seemed to know, though he was nearly 60 years of age. He would travel his 15 or 20 miles a day on foot, never seeming weary, and his quickness of decision never seemed to falter. The moment that his division came in touch with the enemy his mind was made up. Certainly he was an expensive General, for he would throw away men's lives rather than fail in his plans. But he also was expensive to the enemy on many occasions.

In his dealings with those under him he was always courteous, and Methuen's division were always a happy family, unlike some other commands in which there arose friction. It was thus sense of personal attachment to their leader that made all his subordinates do their utmost to carry out his wishes. He had many Australians under him, and had a very high opinion of them as soldiers. He always showed extreme care in choosing a camp and in making a country safe before he marched through it, but his troops dwindled in number down to about a 1000 men, and he had a very dangerous district to patrol, and the watchful Delarey always on the alert to swoop down on him. Methuen scored off Delarey more than once, taking on one occasion practically the whole of the Boer general's waggons, but now the fortune of war has thrown the English general into the power of his enemy. The meagre details to hand do not give any idea how the disaster occurred. Those who know Methuen best are very sure that it has not been through carelessness on his part. The Boer prisoners often stated that they were always trying to surprise Methuen, but could never manage it. It has been managed at last, and Methuen has met his Waterloo. But it is almost better to have put up his record of unwearied fighting and marching, even though it ended in a mishap, than to have succeeded by never doing anything.

LOCAL EULOGY OF LORD METHUEN.

BY OFFICERS WHO HAVE SERVED UNDER HIM.

A BRAVE, HARD-WORKING GENERAL.

"THOROUGHLY LOVED BY EVERYONE."

There are in Sydney a number of well-known officers of the New South Wales military forces who have served under Lieutenant-General Lord Methuen in the Boer war, and a "Herald" reporter, who interviewed several of them yesterday, found that they were unanimous in their praise of the ability and bravery of the unfortunate General. Military discipline prevents the names of the officers who were spoken to being published, and it was only by agreeing to this stipulation that our representative induced them to state their opinion of Lord Methuen.

"There is no more popular man and no harder-worked man in South Africa," was the opening remark of a prominent mounted infantry officer, who knows the man and the country he is operating in well, "than Lord Methuen. He has been almost entirely working the district north of the Vaal River, keeping the railway on his right with Magaliesberg as his northern boundary, and operating right across to Mafeking and Zeerust. He has had practically a roving commission. Instead of being bound down by fixed rules of marching, &c., it was understood when we were over there that he had a free hand to do what he thought best, and independent of other columns. He had a most intimate knowledge of this part of the country and has been operating there for the last 12 months.

"I suppose there is no man in South Africa who has had more fights with the man who has captured him than Lord Methuen has had. General Delarey has been fighting in the same district for a long time, and Methuen and he have been great rivals. Delarey is regarded by those most competent to judge as the best Boer-fighting General. It is the common opinion that Botha and Christian de Wet are very clever tacticians, but their cleverness lies in being able to personally get out of a scrape when they get into one. De Wet has likewise displayed an unprecedented faculty for getting away first and allowing his column to do the fighting. As against this Delarey always fights at the head of his men and remains to the finish. He is looked upon as the "hardest nut of all to crack."

"What do you know of Methuen personally?"

"Well, I am satisfied that the opinion of the various Australian officers who have served under him is unanimously a very high one. The General is loved and respected by everyone from top to bottom; not only on account of his great capacity as a general and as a hard worker, but because of the great care and interest he manifests in the whole of the troops under his command. He is severe if occasion demands it, but he has the faculty of endearing himself to all who serve under him. He is a fine man physically, is regarded as equal or next to General French as a mobile commander, generally sound in his tactics, and does not sacrifice his men unnecessarily.

"One peculiar thing about Lord Methuen was that no one seemed to know his actual movements, but often at crucial times he unexpectedly turned up to the assistance of other columns. It was said that he took his orders from Lord Kitchener direct. He had the habit of venturing too far with only a small bodyguard, and this may account for the present disaster.

"Yes, there was certainly a good deal of colour attached to his name after the Magersfontein affair, particularly in the Highland Brigade, but he has entirely succeeded in redeeming confidence by his marvellous successes since that disaster. He has always been a moving column, incessantly on the trek, and he has not yet had any spell. During the last year he has been consistently successful and has captured many prisoners. No man will be more missed and there is no doubt his capture will have a great effect in buoying up the spirits of the Boer commandoes."

"Do you think Delarey will release him, wounded as he is in the thigh?"

"I am afraid there is not the slightest chance. They will drag him all over the country when he is well. There may be a chance of recapturing him because they have no depots or places where they can entrench themselves to make a stand. Delarey is a most humane man and a thorough gentleman, and never allows his men to plunder or maltreat the enemy."

"Lord Methuen is an officer who is thoroughly loved by everyone who has served under him," was the way another officer who was attached to his staff for nine months expressed himself. "He is a man who looks after his men splendidly. He would get up early in the morning and see that his troops received their cup of hot coffee. He believed in properly feeding them. There is an opinion general in certain quarters that he has never had enough men to work his district, which is a large one. The severe loss sustained in the capture of Colonel von Donop's convoy must have weakened his command.

"I certainly think that Delarey will keep him a captive. The General, who is a man of iron frame, and over 6ft. in height, is a magnificent swordsman and a good all-round sport. Those who have served with him have seen him march on foot at the head of his column as many as 20 miles a day, and appear at the end as fresh as possible. He is one of the hardest worked of generals, and does not seem to know what fatigue is. When in action he is very daring and plucky, and never turns a hair. He is, moreover, very kindhearted, and all who have fought with him will deeply regret his capture."

THE GENERAL'S RECORD.

Lieutenant-General Paul Sanford Methuen, K.C.V.O., C.B., C.M.G., is 57 years of age, and is a son of the second baron. He has been one of the most prominent British officers in South Africa, and from the commencement of the campaign he has been remarkably active. In the earliest stage of the war he enjoyed the distinction of being the youngest Lieutenant-General in the army. He is intensely popular with his men, being remarkably considerate of those under him. Upon the outbreak of hostilities in South Africa, Lord Methuen was despatched to the front, receiving command of the First Army Division. He reached Orange River on November 12, 1899, 13 days ahead of General Buller's arrival in Natal. The Army Corps was diverted, General Buller, the then Commander-in-Chief, taking half for the eastern line of advance via Natal, in order to relieve Ladysmith. The other half proceeded northwards from Capetown to the relief of Kimberley. The western columns were under Lord Methuen and General French until the twain were consolidated under Lord Roberts. The central operations were conducted by General Gatacre, who was allowed to make his way northward from East London.

Speaking of these armies Colonel Sir Howard Vincent says:—"Lord Methuen had the best, and, indeed, the only possible country for military operations—vast plains commanded by high but stormable kopjes—positions admirable for defence, but capable of being turned by a sufficiently strong force, consisting largely of cavalry, mounted men, and horse artillery. Lord Methuen had none of these arms, or hardly any, and although his infantry at Belmont, at Graaspan, and at Modder River succeeded with considerable sacrifice in thrusting back the enemy, he had no means of pushing home the advantages won." Lord Methuen had met with desperate resistance at Belmont (November 23), Enslin (November 25), and Modder River (November 28). The action at the Modder was described by the British Commander as "one of the hardest and most trying fights in the annals of the British army."

On December 10 General Gatacre made his disastrous attack on Stormberg, where the enemy was fully prepared for the woeful night march. Immediately following this complete reverse came the failure of Lord Methuen's attack (December 10, 11, and 12) on the Boer entrenchments at Magersfontein, about which so much has been heard. On a pitch-dark night the Highland Brigade had to advance to the attack over broken ground intersected by dongas and every kind of pitfall, and were led in quarter-columns right up to the unreconnoitred and barbed wire entangled trenches of the Boers, like, as one chronicler states "so many sheep to the slaughter." So well apprised were the Boers of the movements of the British that the leading company of the mass of quarter columns actually ran across a wire impediment on the right flank of which was a lamp, the overturning of which was the signal for the fatal volleys which broke the closed ranks, and the Highland Brigade was cut to pieces in the open by a short range rifle fire. It was in this attack that General Wauchope was killed.

On February 24, 1900, Lord Methuen was appointed administrator at Kimberley, which town had been relieved on the 15th of the month by General French. Lord Methuen has since achieved much success in engagement with various commandoes, and defeated de Wet on June 12, 1900, when that commandant narrowly escaped.

In Commandant Delarey's words, Lord Methuen "has had no luck." He lived down the disaster at Magersfontein, and his sterling qualities as a soldier and as a General so endeared him to his men that they would follow him anywhere. After the "Black Week" of December, 1899—the seven days during which General Gatacre failed at Stormberg, Sir Redvers Buller at Colenso, and Lord Methuen at Magersfontein—Lord Methuen was indomitable in his efforts to achieve success. When he failed it was through bad luck. He and his men made great marches, enduring all sorts of fatigue, to find only at the end that through some mistake or another the desired end had been missed. Reference is made in another column to the disappointment which attended Lord Methuen's attempt to surround and capture Commandant de Wet. He had made all arrangements, and but for some unaccountable mishap the enterprising guerilla leader would long have ceased from troubling the British. Large hauls of arms and captures of prisoners were frequently credited to Lord Methuen, who, during last year, met with much success. A few weeks ago it was cabled that during a night march Lord Methuen captured his own convoy.

Lord Methuen joined the Scots Fusilier Guards in 1864, and reached the rank of Lieutenant-General in 1898. He served in the Ashanti expedition, 1873-74 (received medal), and in Egypt, 1882 (mentioned in despatches, received medal with clasp and bronze star, and appointed C.B.). He took part in the operations on the north-west frontier of India 1897-98 (mentioned in despatches, and received medal with two clasps). He was married in 1879 to the daughter of Sir F. H. Hervey-Bathurst, Bart., and after her death to the daughter of Mr. W. A. Sanford.

LORD METHUEN ON AUSTRALIANS.

Our special correspondent with Colonel Williams's column, to which was attached the Second New South Wales M.R., writing from Klerksdorp on July 24, 1901, says:—"Before leaving for Zeerust we were honoured by a visit from the famous general, who, accompanied by Lieutenant-Colonel Lassetter, had a look through our lines, and commented in complimentary terms upon what he saw. An interesting incident was the presentation to him of three members of our regiment who had served in Methuen's Horse in Sir Charles Warren's expedition of 1884-5. These were our Adjutant (Lieutenant Hobson), Lieutenant M'Call, and Quartermaster-sergeant Wilson. They were most cordially received, and though so many years have since elapsed their old leader—he was then a colonel—remembered them, and after thinking for a moment even mentioned the troop to which each had belonged. 'This is as it should be,' the general observed, after congratulating the officers on their promotion since the days when they were included among his non-coms. 'The highest positions in the service should be open to merit, and already one good effect of this war has been the partial breaking down of the barriers that have hitherto existed in that direction.' In the course of the conversation he paid a high tribute of praise to the work done throughout the war by Australians, and remarked, 'I had some myself for a time, and finer men or better soldiers I could not wish for.' Incidentally Lord Methuen observed to Colonel Lassetter, 'I can assure you that Colonel Williams values your regiment very highly indeed.' Speaking of the war he expressed his conviction that there was yet much to be done, adding that in these parts at any rate the Boers were still full of fight. Apparently Lord Methuen is determined to see the war through to the bitter end. Among the troops forming his own column he is intensely popular, and it would seem that he is remarkably considerate in his treatment of all under him."

COMMANDANT DELAREY.

The captor of Lord Methuen is a notable figure amongst Boer generals. His exact military position is officially defined by himself as "Assistant-Commandant-General," but he is evidently not very careful as to how his name is spelled. Thus we find him signing himself in March of last year as "J. Delarey," and later in the same month as "J. H. De La Rey." The latter signature conveys his Huguenot descent, and gave some colour earlier in the war to the belief that he was a Frenchman.

A Frenchman certainly Delarey is not. He is a Boer of Boers, and a fine type of this race which has sprung from the intermingling of the Dutch and the French refugees from religious persecution. Not hampered by enlightened views of life, and certainly not over-burdened with secular knowledge, Delarey is one of those men who are born generals. The very fact that he was able for so long to avoid disastrous conflict with the British is in itself an evidence to his worth as a soldier. Lord Methuen knows the country as well as any trained soldier can who has spent months in it; and for all that he could never force Delarey to a trial of strength to which the Boer leader was not minded. It is a curious coincidence that on March 18, 1901—almost a year ago to a day—Delarey reported to Commandant General Botha that Lord Methuen had been doing his best to free the prisoners at Wolmaranstad, but that "he has not had luck yet." Now Lord Methuen has had the strange "luck" of being captured by the very man against whom he has been pitted.

What manner of man is this Delarey? Fortunately we have a pen-picture of him from the hand of an adherent of the Boer cause. Count Sternberg, an Austrian soldier of fortune, found work to do with the Boers, and he was attached to the force which served under General Cronje. There was some movement on foot, he says in his "Experiences of the Boer War," and he begged to be allowed to join in it. At first he was refused by General Delarey and this is the way in which the Count describes the general:—"He was a big and dignified man, with a splendid profile and an aristocratic hooked nose. He had a long grey beard, which gave him the look rather of a prophet than a general. He had the reputation of being the ablest general in the Southern army."

In justifying this reputation Commandant Delarey has been led into strange paths. When the British found it necessary to declare against the murder of non-combatants, Delarey and other Boer leaders promised reprisals. This, even if it is the only, is a serious blot on Delarey's military record, and the only excuse that can be advanced is that he was practically forced by the men whom he led to take the course he did. His general repute, apart altogether from his reputation as a leader, is that of an able and honourable man.

THE LOCALITY OF THE REVERSE.

Lichtenburg, Lord Methuen's objective, is in the Western Transvaal, 120 miles west of Johannesburg. Rooirantjesfontein, where he was to meet Lieutenant-Colonel Grenfell, is 20 miles south of Lichtenburg, while 56 miles south-west is Kraaipan, where Major Paris arrived, on the Kimberley-Bulawayo railway. Maribogo is a few miles further south.

"NO OTHER WAY."

Owing to cable advices received, the further publication of the late Sir Walter Besant's story, "No Other Way," will be discontinued for the present, and will be resumed on the completion of "The Four Feathers," which begins in our columns to-day.

DEATH OF MR. N. J. CROCKER.

The death is announced of Mr. Norman John Crocker, which took place at The Bungalow, Henrietta-street, Waverley, on the 6th instant. The deceased had reached the advanced age of 78 years. In former days he was well known in commercial circles. He resided for many years at Newtown, and was in business as a wholesale grocer in George-street under the style of Messrs. Oliver and Crocker. Subsequently Mr. Oliver retired, and Mr. Crocker continued for a time in his own name. He was afterwards succeeded by his brother, Mr. W. W. Crocker. The deceased then entered into business in the iron trade at Balmain, and later as an estate agent. The late Mr. Crocker took no active part in political or municipal affairs, but identified himself closely with religious and charitable institutions. For many years he was connected with the Young Men's Christian Association, and with Mr. H. B. Lee founded the City Night Refuge in Kent-street. For 30 years he acted on the committee, during several of which he filled the position of treasurer. The deceased leaves a widow and family, the latter of whom are married. The funeral took place at Waverley on Friday, the Rev. John Macaulay, M.A., officiating at the grave.

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

THE THIRD SWEEPING MOVEMENT.

LONDON, March 11.

Colonel Byng's, Colonel Rimington's, and other columns are engaged in a sweeping movement to westward in the centre of the Orange River Colony.

THE BOER TERMS.

COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE.

LONDON, March 10.

The Transvaal Legation asserts that Mr. Steyn and Mr. Schalk-Burger informed Lord Kitchener that they will only negotiate for terms of peace on the basis of complete independence.

PRO-BOER SPEECHES.

LONDON, March 10.

Mr. Steyn's official newspaper devotes much space to the reproduction of speeches of Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman and other pro-Boer members of the House of Commons, in which they denounced what they had termed the methods of barbarism in connection with the war.

AUSTRALIAN PRODUCTS FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

TENDERS ACCEPTED.

LONDON, March 11.

The War Office has accepted the tender of the Sydney Meat Preserving Company for the supply of 1,000,000lb. of compressed corned mutton for the troops in South Africa.

The War Office has also accepted the tender of a New South Wales firm for the supply of 500 tons of flour.

[Tenders were invited for the supply of 2,000,000lb. of compressed corned beef or mutton put up in 1lb. or 2lb. tins, and in cases containing 36lb. The meat must be chemically analysed and delivered c.i.f. at South African ports. The flour is to be put up in new double bags of 140lb. weight and delivered in South Africa at the earliest possible date, at the option of the officer commanding in Durban.]

NEW SOUTH WALES TROOPERS.

The following is a copy of a telegraphic despatch received by the Premier, through the Lieutenant-Governor, from the chief casualty officer, Capetown:—

"Death from enteric fever, March 7, Pretoria, 3rd New South Wales Mounted Infantry, No. 2135 W. Thomas Berriman. Dangerously ill, enteric fever: March 8, at Harrismith, 3rd New South Wales Mounted Infantry, Norman Lylton Strickland; at Ermelo, 3rd New South Wales Mounted Infantry, Quartermaster-sergeant W. S. Cripps; at Springfontein, 3rd New South Wales Mounted Infantry, No. 1519 C. Stuart. Condition of Captain Miller, New South Wales Mounted Infantry, March 8, improving."

CABLE FROM COLONEL LASSETTER.

Messrs. F. Lassetter and Co., Limited, received yesterday a cable from Colonel Lassetter as follows:—"Arrived Bruguprait, all well; expect regiment to embark at end of March."

NEW ZEALAND AND THE WAR.

MESSAGE FROM SIR GORDON SPRIGG.

WELLINGTON (N.Z.), Tuesday.

At a banquet at Dunedin the Premier, Mr. Seddon, read a letter from Sir Gordon Sprigg, Premier of Cape Colony, stating:—"My friends here are delighted with the firm stand you have taken on behalf of South Africa, and we shall never forget the help rendered by the men of New Zealand in the field."

WALLERAWANG, Tuesday.

Trooper J. Hoy, of Lidsdale, was presented with a souvenir and entertained at a smoke social yesterday prior to leaving for South Africa.

THE TOWITTA TRAGEDY.

TRIAL OF MARY SCHIPPAN.

THE JUDGE'S SUMMING UP.

A VERDICT OF NOT GUILTY.

ADELAIDE, Tuesday.

At the Criminal Court to-day Chief Justice Way delivered his summing up in the trial of Mary Schippan, who was charged with the murder of her sister Bertha, at Towitta, on New Year's night. He said there was no controversy that Bertha was murdered. The question to decide was whether she died by the hand of the prisoner or some other person. He wished to say a word about Gustav Nitschke. Everybody in the community agreed he was a very contemptible fellow, and went to the house of prisoner's father on the pretext of paying honourable addresses to his daughter, and abused the confidence by debauching her. He was mean enough to allow the girl's secret to be wheedled out of him by a policeman investigating the case

COMMONWEALTH NOTES.

THE SENATE.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

The attendance when the Senate met this afternoon was rather small. A few notices of motions and questions were given, and the Senate went into committee to consider the Electoral Bill in detail.

Clauses 14, 15, and 16, providing for the appointment and duties of commissioners to distribute the States into divisions, were passed. An addition to clause 17, providing that until rolls are compiled all persons qualified to have their names placed on the roll shall be deemed to be electors for the purposes of this part of the Act, was agreed to.

The clauses dealing with the basis of distribution of electorates, matters to be considered in the distribution of seats, notices of proposed distribution, the method of making objections, and the report of the commissioners, were passed. On clause 23, which provides for the proclamation of divisions, to be issued on the passage by the House of Representatives of a resolution of approval, the Senate showed its disinclination to relinquish any of its powers, and amended the clause so as to render necessary the passing of resolutions by both Houses. A similar amendment was made in clause 25, providing for a fresh distribution where either House disapproves of the report of the commission.

Clause 29, the last of the part dealing with polling-places, was under consideration when progress was reported.

The Senate rose at 10 o'clock.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Soon after the House of Representatives met this afternoon Mr. Barton, at the request of Mr. Watson, made a statement in regard to a cable message which stated that the Japanese Parliament was reported as being under the impression that the treaty recently concluded with Great Britain would have the effect of placing the emigration of Japanese to Australia on a different and more satisfactory footing. The Premier said that there was no discrimination against Japanese subjects under any Acts of the State Legislatures, and he therefore did not quite understand the cable. No such negotiations for the removal of discrimination as were referred to had been initiated, and he, too, was quite unaware of any facts to which the cable could allude, except it might be his statement to the House that arrangements had been come to *in consequence of* legislation of the Queensland Government in 1895 for the recognition of permits or passports issued previously to Japanese subjects.

"If this Parliament," said Mr. Barton in answer to Sir William M'Millan, "is to go into recess before it has been sitting a year it will be necessary to curtail the Easter adjournment. We do not at present see our way to make the adjournment longer than from the Thursday to the following Wednesday." Replying to further questions, Mr. Barton said he was not then in a position to say what business would be taken before the end of the session. If possible he would make a statement on the subject next week.

Consideration of the tariff was resumed in Committee of Ways and Means. Division 13, which was partly dealt with last week, was disposed of, one small item—vesta and match boxes—being postponed to permit of its consideration at the same time as matches. The duty on manufactures of paper, price lists, catalogues, and printed or lithographed matter was reduced to 2d per pound, the Government proposal being 3d per pound. Fashion plates and paper patterns were put on the free list. The specific duty of 2d per pound on writing paper in sizes less than 16in. by 13in., was changed to an ad valorem of 15 per cent., a proposal by Sir William M'Millan to make the duty 10 per cent. being lost on the voices. The duty on paper bags, sugar bags, and fruit bags was fixed at 3s per cwt., instead of 6s as proposed by the Government; and cartridge and blotting paper were put on the 15 per cent. list. The committee decided against an ad valorem duty on the former line by 22 votes to 19.

Mr. Edwards, of New South Wales, tried to get the duty of 15 per cent. on some of the n.e.i. list—cardboards, pasteboards, millboards, and pulp boards—reduced to 10 per cent., but was beaten on division by one vote. The lower rate was, however, fixed for leatherboards, woodboards, and one or two other similar lines, which the Treasurer said were not made in the Commonwealth. The duty of 3s per dozen packs on playing-cards was passed. Sir George Turner said he had gone into the question of imposing an excise duty on playing-cards, and as a result of his inquiries he could not make such a proposal to the committee. The comprehensive item "manufactured stationery" was passed at 25 per cent., a proposal to reduce the duty to 20 per cent. being defeated by 23 votes to 14. Tissue paper, not exceeding 10in. by 10in., illuminated text and scripture cards, and several items of less importance, were added to the list of exemptions, and Sir George Turner having promised inquiry into suggestions about other articles, the division as a whole was passed. As amended it will return about £50 odd per annum.

The Chairman called on Division 14—vehicles. Sir William M'Millan said he was willing to assist in saving time, and facetiously suggested that the Treasurer should compromise on the whole division at an all-round duty of 15 per cent. In the same spirit and to the same end Sir George Turner asked the committee to accept the division as it stood without debate. After this pleasant exchange of opinions there was a short debate on the first item—bicycles, tricycles, and similar vehicles, motors, vehicles n.e.i., and parts, 20 per cent.

Sir William M'Millan moved to reduce the duty to 15 per cent., but on division the amendment was lost, and the 20 per cent. duty was passed. Cycle parts, n.e.i., including steel bars for the manufacture of rims, were put on the 10 per cent. list.

Almost the last of the composite duties of the tariff were those on vehicles. Sir George Turner, realising that the committee would have none of them, said he would propose an ad valorem duty of 25 per cent., and thought the proposal a very reasonable one. "It's very low," commented a Victorian member. "Yes, for Victoria," was Sir William M'Millan's rejoinder. The acting leader of the Opposition, who pointed out that as the *natural protection* on vehicles was between 40 and 50 per cent., and on parts from 15 to 53 per cent., said 25 per cent. would be a reasonable rate. Thus Mr. Macdonald Paterson: "We have heard what the Treasurer calls reasonable and what Sir William M'Millan calls reasonable. I think they are both most unreasonable, and if no other member does it I will move for 33 per cent. on ordinary vehicles and 50 per cent. on landaus, barouches, and other vehicular luxuries." The hon. member gave imported vehicles a very bad character. Mr. Edwards (N.S.W.) moved that the duty be 20 per cent., after which Sir John Quick joined in the request for a higher duty than 25 per cent. The amendment for a duty of 20 per cent. was defeated by 19 votes to 16, and the duty of 25 per cent. was agreed to. This duty was made applicable to the whole of the vehicles comprised in the item as well as parts thereof n.e.i. Progress was then reported. This division of the tariff is expected to produce a revenue of £55,000 per annum.

The House rose at 11.20 p.m.

LIABILITY OF THE COMMONWEALTH FOR STAMP DUTY.

The federal Attorney-General has given the following opinion as to the necessity for paying stamp duty on certain federal money orders:—"The Treasurer asks for my opinion whether duty stamps need be affixed to Treasury forms, order 2 (No. 23), order 3 (No. 24), and order 4 (No. 25). These forms are instruments used by the Federal Government in transacting the business of the Commonwealth, and are not liable to stamp duty. I am of opinion that stamp duty is not payable under the State Acts, either by the Commonwealth or by individuals in respect of any documents which are part of any transaction between the Commonwealth and any other party for the purpose of conducting the public business of the Commonwealth."

FEDERAL DEPARTMENTS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

When the New South Wales Government proclaimed March 17 a public holiday a number of merchants and others declined to observe it, and asked Mr. Barton to direct that the Customs, if not the other federal departments, should be kept open for the convenience of the commercial community. Mr. Barton complied with the request, and, to-day received a telegram from the Sydney Chamber of Commerce thanking him for doing so.

The Premier has decided that for the present the federal departments in each State shall be closed on statutory legal holidays, but that where a public holiday is proclaimed on the discretion of a State Ministry the Commonwealth departments may or may not be closed, as the federal authorities deem fit.

Mr. Drake has decided that, while the New South Wales post-offices are to remain open on March 17, as many officers as can be spared shall be given leave of absence for the day.

THE TASMANIAN VACANCY.

The Speaker to-day issued his writ for the election of a member to fill the vacancy for Tasmania caused by the death of Mr. F. W. Piesse. Nominations have to be lodged between March 15 and 20, and the polling has been fixed for March 26. The election will be conducted on the proportional voting system, in accordance with the State electoral law. As Tasmania has not been divided into constituencies the whole State will be polled. The election will consequently cost from £1500 to £2000.

FEDERAL ELECTORAL BILL.

With reference to the amendment of which he has given notice, that members of State Parliaments shall be incapable of nomination or election to either House of the Federal Parliament, Senator Neald points out that the Commonwealth Constitution Act provides that a member of the Senate cannot become a candidate for a seat in the House of Representatives, nor can a member of that Chamber become a candidate for the Senate. The Parliament of New South Wales and the Parliaments of the other States have passed laws prohibiting members of either House of the Federal Parliament from becoming candidates for State Legislatures. His proposed amendment, therefore, introduced no new principle, but merely extends the existing laws in an equitable manner.

STATE OF PUBLIC BUSINESS.

Ministers gave consideration to the state of the public business in Cabinet to-day. Generally it was felt that the session should end on May 13, and to secure this the Government is willing to sacrifice some of the bills now before the Legislature. What bills are to go over will probably be decided next week.

CONTROL OF NEW GUINEA.

The Government has not received official confirmation of the cable news that letters patent are issued by the King handing over control of British New Guinea to the Commonwealth. In order that necessary legislation can be passed Mr. Barton is anxious that the territory should be brought under federal control as soon as possible. Pending passage of that legislation it is the intention of the Government to continue the administration on the same lines as at present.

POSTAL LAWS AND SWEEP LETTERS.

The formal opinion of the Attorney-General in reference to the plan proposed by "Tattersall's" for evasion of the Postal Act so far as it relates to the delivery of letters to sweep promoters has not yet been handed to the Premier. It is understood, however, that the Crown law officers are of opinion that the Postal Department will be acting within its rights by refusing to deliver letters addressed by applicants for tickets for themselves at Hobart.

FUMIGATING LETTERS.

Mr. Drake has received from Dr. Greenwell, chairman of the Melbourne Board of Health a suggestion that letters sorted at large post-offices shall be treated to destroy germs of disease, and has asked the Department of Home Affairs to furnish an estimate of cost of the necessary ovens.

THE ENGLISH CRICKETERS.

ARRIVAL AT BROKEN HILL.

MATCH AGAINST A LOCAL EIGHTEEN.

BROKEN HILL, Tuesday.

The English cricketers arrived by the express this morning, and were welcomed at the railway town by several prominent men in cricketing circles. On arrival at the Sulphide-street station the visitors were driven in a drag to the Freemasons' and Grand Hotels. It was first intended to give the cricketers a public reception at the Town Hall, but this was abandoned, as it was considered they required a little rest after the tiresome journey from Adelaide. Much disappointment was felt and some adverse criticism was expressed at the non-appearance of MacLaren and Hayward, as the local cricketers were desirous of witnessing the play of these crack batsmen.

Caust was elected captain and Roberts vice-captain of the local team. The selection was made before the teams started for the ground.

The second cricket match at the Barrier with an English eleven commenced this morning at M'Culloch Park against a local eighteen. The weather was warm but pleasant, and, although breezy at times, was without dust. There was a fair attendance, probably about 1000 being on the ground.

Robson, who captained the Englishmen, won the toss from Caust and decided to bat, and with Braund Robson faced the Broken Hill bowlers. Thirteen local men fielded. The scores were:—

ENGLAND.—First Innings.

Braund, c Caust, b Ross	...	27
Robson, c Jones, b Bennay	...	1
Jessop, c Hocking, b Ross	...	0
Jones, c Bennay, b Searey	...	17
Garnett, b Trott	...	33
Lilley, c Mitchell, b Bennay	...	14
Tyldesley, not out	...	47
M'Gahey, b Webber	...	12
Gunn, c Attwater, b Bennay	...	8
Quaife, b Webber	...	0
Blythe, b Webber	...	1
Sundries	...	13
Total	...	173

Bowling: Webber, 3 for 6; Bennay, 3 for 48; Ross, 2 for 44; Searey, 1 for 12; Trott, 1 for 14; Hocking, 0 for 42.

BROKEN HILL.—First Innings.

Attwater, b Braund	...	7
Ross, c Robson, b Braund	...	2
Leak, c Garnett, b Braund	...	13
Roberts, c Garnett, b Braund	...	0
Mackel, c and b Braund	...	0
Arthur, c Robson, b Gunn	...	14
Doolette, c Garnett, b Braund	...	0
Searey, run out	...	0
Webber, st, b Braund	...	0
Caust, not out	...	34
Mitchell, st, b Braund	...	2
Hall, c Gunn, b Braund	...	12
Trott, st, b Braund	...	0
Trevarrow, st, b Braund	...	0
Thomson, c and b Gunn	...	3
Johns, not out	...	6
Sundries	...	6
Total for 14 wickets	...	119

Bowling.—Braund, 11 for 75; Gunn, 2 for 20; Blythe, 0 for 6; Jessop, 0 for 7; Jones, 0 for 5; Garnett, 0 for 0.

The Broken Hill fielding was only fair. That of the Englishmen was perfect.

MATCH AGAINST SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

ADELAIDE, Tuesday.

Messrs. C. Hill, G. Giffen, and J. Reedman met this morning and selected the following team to represent South Australia in the match against the English Eleven on the Adelaide oval on Friday:—

N. Claxton	H. Kirkwood
A. E. H. Evans	J. M'Kenzie
G. Giffen	J. Reedman
C. Hill	W. Travers
F. Hack	R. Waters
E. Jones	F. Jarvis (emergency).

Should M'Kenzie be unable to play his place will be filled by P. Newland.

THE AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN.

MATCH AT BENDIGO.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

The Australian eleven started a two-days' match at Bendigo to-day against a local sixteen. A good wicket had been prepared and the weather was pleasant. The attendance was fair. The locals won the toss and made first use of the wicket. The Australians played with three pick-ups. Scores were:—

BENDIGO SIXTEEN.

Keogh, l.b.w., b Armstrong	...	6
De Ravin, run out	...	4
Trott, b Trumper	...	41
Ecles, c Kelly, b Fry	...	5
Freeman, b Fry	...	5
Murray, c Duff, b Trumper	...	0
G. Mackey, b Trumper	...	9
Catford, c Duff, b Trumper	...	0
Edwards, c Kelly, b Hopkins	...	9
Upton, b Hopkins	...	1
Kerr, b Hopkins	...	0
Watts, c Mailer, b Hopkins	...	3
Green, b Hopkins	...	57
R. Hall, not out	...	21
T. Hall, c Duff, b Trumper	...	8
J. Sarruas, b Hopkins	...	3
Sundries	...	11
Total	...	190

AUSTRALIA.

Deery, c Green, b Sarruas	...	8
Mailer, not out	...	39
Fry, not out	...	23
Sundries	...	8
Total, one for	...	78

INTER-STATE CRICKET.

NEW SOUTH WALES v. QUEENSLAND.

The selection committee (Messrs. E. J. Briscoe, A. C. K. Mackenzie, and J. C. Davis) met yesterday afternoon and selected the following 12 to visit Brisbane for the match against Queensland at the end of the month, viz.:—

F. A. Iredale	F. Meares
C. Gregory	J. Marsh
A. C. K. Mackenzie	G. H. C. Clarke
L. W. Pye	A. M'Beath
B. W. Farquhar	A. L. Newell
A. Diamond	W. D. Loveridge

Any players unable to go should so notify Mr. P. Bowden, of the N.S.W. Cricket Association.

It will be observed that the selectors have included Marsh, who hitherto this season was ignored by the then sole selector, Mr. M. A. Noble. In the absence of Kelly and Carter the choice of wicket-keeper has fallen upon W. D. Loveridge. The team will leave Sydney on March 26, and will commence the match three days later.

LATE MINING.

KALGOORLIE, Tuesday.

The following February outputs are reported:—South Kalgurli, 2670 tons for 2700oz.; Brown Hill, 1863 tons for 5280oz.; Ida Lavertzin, 910 tons for 1088oz., valued at £4179; Golden Rhine, Laverton, 725 tons for 995oz., valued at £1536.

The opening out started at the Eclipse lode recently has intersected the eastern crosscut, No. 4 level, of Croesus Proprietary.

SYDNEY WATER SUPPLY.

AT THE HEAD OF THE WORKS.

VISIT OF THE COMMISSION.

THE RIVER WATERS ALMOST EXHAUSTED.

PROSPECT RESERVOIR CONTAINS THE TOTAL SUPPLY.

In pursuit of their desire to personally inspect all the works and sources of the Sydney water supply, the Royal Commission of Inquiry paid a visit yesterday to the extreme head of the system. The members, with the exception of the Mayor of Sydney (Alderman Thomas Hughes) and Mr. Edward Knox, left the city by train on Monday evening, and proceeded to Campbelltown with a view to the continuation of their trip on the following day. They were abroad early yesterday morning, and soon after 7 o'clock started on a drive of the 18 miles between Campbelltown and the outermost work controlled by the Water and Sewerage Board at the junction of the Nepean and the Cordeaux Rivers. The cold winds away to the south, and, favoured by a bright fresh morning, the members appeared to relish the relaxation which they were enjoying from departmental routine. The town and neighbourhood of Campbelltown may be placed amongst the earliest settlements of the State, and despite the fact that the severity of the drought is plainly manifest on all sides, the district even now has attractions which reward the excursionist. Following the Bulli-road, the Commissioners passed through sharply undulating country lying between George's River and the main water canal, which was to be afterwards inspected. An interesting feature of the trip was the fact that the main party was conveyed in a remarkable old coach which was at one time the property of Hamilton Hume, the distinguished Australian explorer. The antiquated vehicle, which, despite the fact that it fell into the hands of the explorer in 1842, was still in excellent condition, was driven by the present owner, James Waterworth, an old man of 72. Waterworth was well known as a whip in the district as far back as the fifties, and he received the coach by will on the death of Hume, with whose friendship he had been honoured. Since that time the old driver has had as passengers nearly every public man of note in New South Wales. He explained with quiet pride yesterday how he had made certain alterations to his cherished possession at the request of Lord Carrington on an occasion of a visit paid by the latter to the district when he was Governor.

Ten miles from Campbelltown the little township of Appin was passed, and almost immediately afterwards the ridge which marks the boundary of the catchment area of the Cataract River, one of the water system's main supplies, was passed. The country was gradually becoming more rugged, and the miserable condition of the cows which grazed over the paddocks and marked the district as a dairying one, was ample testimony of the long want of rainfall. Expressions of surprise from various members of the party at the absence of water from an occasional little creek, had also some effect in preparing the party for what was to follow.

THE CATARACT DAM.

A few miles further on the first halt was made at one of the Water and Sewerage Board's premises, which was occupied by a caretaker and his family. Here the commission left the vehicles, and under the guidance of Mr. J. M. Smail, chief engineer to the board and Mr. A. F. Jacob, chief engineer to the board at Prospect, descended to inspect the dam across the Cataract River. The dam, which is of stone and concrete, stretches over the river at a spot known as Broughton's Pass. It is about 16ft. high, and sufficiently solid to withstand the river in seasons of flood. Now, however, the little weir stands dry within an inch or two of the base, and the only water which is there flows through by tunnel from the Nepean River. Never before has the Cataract River been known by the water supply authorities to completely cease running. As an idea of the importance which it plays in the supply of the city, it may be stated that its average annual waters are computed to measure 24,300,000,000 gallons, out of a total of 10,000,000,000 gallons, which constitutes the total annual average volume tapped by the board. Immediately above the dam was the mouth of a large tunnel leading from the river. This is what is known as the Cafaract, or No. 2 tunnel, which carries the water to the open canal, a mile and three-quarters away. The little dam is fitted with an outlet or flood gate, which is dropped when it is necessary to back the water to a sufficient height to flow down the tunnel.

Immediately opposite to the entrance to No. 1 tunnel is the conclusion of the tunnel leading from the Nepean River. The water from the Nepean River, which also embraces the volume of the Cordeaux River is thus mingled with the Cataract and passes on towards Prospect by No. 1 tunnel. Yesterday the tunnel was quite devoid of running water, the current being checked so as to enable members of the commission to make an inspection of the cavity. At the present time, however, the flow does not exceed 700,000 gallons daily. This stream, which resembles the outflow from a small spring, does not tend to augment the supply now at Prospect reservoir. To explain this it is only necessary to say that there is a daily consumption of something like 400,000 gallons from the canal before the system reaches Kenny Hill. This goes to supply Campbelltown and other such places, and after Kenny Hill is passed there is, without counting the loss all along the route by evaporation and waste, a demand by towns of more or less magnitude.

No. 1 tunnel, which has a face area of 71½ square feet, and an inclination of 3ft. 6in. per mile, is capable of carrying 155,000,000 gallons of water daily. The daily consumption of Sydney averages something over 30,000,000 gallons, which estimate covers loss by evaporation and waste. Thus it is readily seen that the annual supply of water in the rivers is sufficient, and that the tunnel is capable of carrying the volume necessary and above for all requirements. The trouble, then, lies in the fact that conservation is a question which will demand attention.

NEPEAN AND CORDEAUX SUPPLIES.

From the Cataract dam the party proceeded to the dam at the intersection of the Nepean and the Cordeaux Rivers. Before the second inspection was made the commissioners were joined by Mr. Knox, and a halt for luncheon was then made at the Hanging Rock, a picturesque spot close to the junction of the rivers. The second descent then followed, and an inspection of the dam, which is situated amidst a scene of rugged grandeur, followed. The 800,000 gallons already mentioned as daily passing towards Prospect represents the whole of the combined stream of the two rivers. Messrs. L. A. B. Wade and T. W. Keele (of the Commission) and Mr. Jacob then made a tour of both tunnels, a distance of more than six miles, and reported the cavities to be in excellent condition.

Subsequently the party visited the open canal at the point where the No. 2 tunnel empties itself, and the system was there found in every way to be satisfactory.

The commission will resume its sittings in Sydney to-morrow, and on Saturday a further tour of inspection will be made.

QUEENSLAND.

GOONDIWINDI, Tuesday.

Stock passings: 2840 wethers, Jarradine to Tirookstead, J. T. Donely; 7000 wethers, Tillerags and Terals to Pilton, J. West; 2818 mixed sheep, Gonavale to Hockland, A. F. Evans.

TASMANIA.

HOBART, Tuesday.

A deputation of citizens will interview Sir P. O. Fysh to-night to ask for information concerning the proposed action of the Tasmanian representatives for the conservation of State rights.

NEW ZEALAND.

WELLINGTON, Tuesday.

Dr. Pollen has been appointed Health Officer at the Port of Wellington, vice Dr. James resigned.

The Australian squadron arrived at Wellington this morning.

The Shagpoint Coal Mine, Otago, has had to be closed down owing to the sea breaking in.

THE GOVERNOR OF QUEENSLAND.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF A MESSAGE OF WELCOME.

BRISBANE, Tuesday.

The following wire has been received from Sir Herbert Chermside, addressed to Mr. Philp:—"My wife and I thank you and the people of Queensland for your cordial message of welcome. In looking to our sojourn amongst you, we earnestly hope more favourable seasons are in store for your State in the near future.—Herbert Chermside."

ADELAIDE, Tuesday.

Sir Herbert Chermside, the new Governor of Queensland, arrived by the Ortona to-day. Sir Edward Richardson, A.D.C. to the Lieutenant-Governor of Queensland, and Captain Webb, brother of Lady Chermside, were present to meet him. The party will remain at Adelaide for two or three days. The party is not due at Brisbane until March 20, and will probably stay a day or two in Melbourne and Sydney en route.

Later.

The Premier, Mr. Jenkins, was introduced by Lord Tennyson to Major-General Sir Herbert Chermside, the new Governor of Queensland. Sir Herbert and Lady Chermside left Adelaide this afternoon for Aldgate, where they intend to spend a few days before leaving for Queensland.

If you want to be Healthy and Wealthy and Wise, take a daily Glass of Nicholl's Tasmania Dandelion Ale.—Advt.

QUEENSLAND ELECTIONS

STATE OF PARTIES.

GREAT MAJORITY FOR THE GOVERNMENT.

DETAILS OF THE POLLING.

BRISBANE, Tuesday.

Great activity was shown at the various polling booths to-day, both Labour and Ministerial supporters working hard for their respective candidates. In the city good-sized crowds surrounded each polling booth. The following is the state of parties as far as available:—

Government	42
(Four are still doubtful, although they are leading.)	
Labour	24
Independent	6

COMPLETE RETURNS.

In the following returns, which are complete, (M) stands for Ministerialist, (L) for Labour, (IO) for Independent Opposition, (FR) for Farmers' Representative, (LL) for Independent Labour, (I) for Independent, (IM) for Independent Ministerialist:—

BRISBANE NORTH (2).

J. Cameron (M)	2408
E. B. Forrest (M)	2333
J. G. M'Nab (L)	1413

BRISBANE SOUTH (2).

W. Stephens (M)	1608
A. J. Lamont (M)	1640
J. Bond (L)	990
J. Pringle (L)	920
Dr. Lucas (I)	350

BUNDABERG.

G. B. Barber (L)	798
J. White (M)	525

CROYDON.

W. H. Browne (Leader of the Labour Opposition)	556
T. Warham (M)	195

CUNNINGHAM.

F. Kates (M)	579
T. M'Gahan (IFB)	469
D. J. B. Watson (M)	214
W. Deacon (F.R.)	197
H. Aspinall (L)	6

DALBY.

J. T. Bell (M)	497
D. T. Dillon (L)	483

ENOGGERA.

A. G. C. Hawthorn (M)	952
M. Reid (L)	563

FORTITUDE VALLEY.

F. M'Donnell (L)	1463
J. M'Master (M)	1073
G. H. Thompson (L)	1030
T. Welsby (M)	988
S. W. Brooks (M)	703
R. King (IO)	220
T. Maughan (IO)	153
J. B. Bradford (LL)	41

IPSWICH.

Hon. T. B. Cribb (M)	1204
J. W. Blair (L)	1123
A. J. Stephenson (M)	880
W. J. Byott-Maughan (L)	535

LOCKYER.

W. D. Armstrong (M)	848
M. O'Keefe (IO)	758

LOGAN.

James Stoddart (M)	565
M. J. Kirwan (L)	230

MARYBOROUGH.

J. Norman (L)	998
C. H. Barton (L)	934
J. Bartholomew (M)	511
E. B. C. Corser (IM)	443
E. M. Lilley (M)	333

OXLEY.

S. Grimes (M)	526
Benjamin Cloudsdale (L)	350
George Burton (IM)	269
J. M. Cross (IO)	60

ROCKHAMPTON.

K. M. Grant (L)	1292
W. Kidston (L)	1111
G. S. Curtis (M)	1079

ROCKHAMPTON NORTH.

H. Turner (L)	590
H. Beak (M)	500

ROSEWOOD.

J. F. W. E. Becker (I M)	168
R. S. Hodge (I O)	436
D. T. Keogh (M)	297
Isambert (L)	61

TOOWONG.

E. H. Macartney (M)	1224
A. Spink (L)	799

TOOMBUL.

A. L. Petrie (M)	1152
W. P. Colborne (L)	478
C. E. Birkbeck (IO)	174

TOWNSVILLE.

Hon. R. Philp	1678
P. F. Hanran (M)	1528
J. G. Enright (L)	1023
A. Ogden (L)	1077

WARWICK.

Hon. A. Morgan (M)	725
J. Wilson (L)	195

WOOLLOONGABBA.

T. Dibley (L)	897
G. H. Blockadge (M)	836

INCOMPLETE RETURNS.

The following returns are incomplete:—

ALBERT.

T. Plunkett (IO)	865
J. Currie (M)	575

Two returns to come.

AUBIGNY.

W. Thorn (M)	610
W. Lovejoy (L)	580

Three to come.

BURNETT.

W. Kent (M)	575
H. A. Tardent (L)	481

Fifteen to come.

BURRUM.

G. Martin (L)	600
N. E. N. Tooth (M)	491
J. Dawson (IO)	138

Four to come.

BALONNE.

G. Story (M)	347
A. S. Adams (L)	320

Fourteen to come.

BARCOO.

G. Kerr (L)	554
R. J. M'Cullough (I)	432

Thirteen to come.

BULLOO.

J. Leahy (M)	141
W. O'Sullivan (L)	64

Eighteen to come.

BURKE.

W. Maxwell (L)	105
Lacey (IL)	90

Five to come.

BOWEN.

F. Kenna (L)	325
J. T. Annear (M)	164
A. B. Heron (IO)	120

Eight to come.

CARPENTARIA.

J. Forsyth (M)	226
A. Riddell (L)	165

Twelve to come.

CAIRNS.

J. Lyons (M)	720
F. Givens (L)	613

Three to come.

CARNARVON.

J. F. G. Foxton (M)	472
H. Hurley (L)	364

Four to come.

CAMBOOYA.

D. Macintosh (M)	607
H. Daniels (L)	487
J. W. Evans (FR)	79

Three to come.

COOK.

J. Hamilton (M)	322
A. Gough (L)	195

Twenty to come.

CLERMONT.

V. Lesina (L)	582
B. S. Mullen (IL)	413

Five to come.

FLINDERS.

B. Airey (L)	584
L. Goldring (IM)	333

Twenty-three to come.

FASSIFERN.

T. de Murray Prior (LO)	482
G. Thorn (M)	398
E. Kretschmeyer (I)	93

One to come.

FITZROY.

H. Cowap (L)	912
J. Macpherson (M)	787

Three to come.

GYMPIE (2 members).

D. Mulcahy (L)	1442
G. Ryland (L)	1385
D. E. Reid (M)	1362
E. B. Davidson (M)	1191

One to come.

GREGORY.

W. Hamilton (L)	266
F. Riley (M)	115

Eighteen to come.

HERBERT.

A. S. Cowley (M)	528
T. Foley (L)	354

Five to come.

LEICHHARDT.

H. F. Hardacre (L)	361
M. J. Hogan (M)	183

Six to come.

MUSGRAVE.

W. O'Connell (M)	643
C. F. Neilsen (L)	452

Four to come.

MACKAY (two members).

W. T. Paget (M)	895
D. Dalrymple (M)	831
M. R. Shannon (L)	727
E. Swayne (FR)	676

Three to come.

MARANOA.

A. Rutledge (M)	570
G. Ward (L)	479

Nine to come.

MITCHELL.

A. Cooper (I)	492
C. B. Fitzgerald (L)	442

Twenty to come.

MURILLA.

W. J. H. Moore (M)	245
W. Addison (L)	238

Seven to come.

NORMANBY.

G. Fox (M)	280
J. Whiteley (L)	168

Nine to come.

NUNDAH.

T. Bridges (M)	698
G. Agnew (IM)	189
R. J. Cottell (L)	158

One to come.

PORT CURTIS.

J. Boles (IM)	454
D. Davies (L)	466

Seven to come.

STANLEY.

W. Summerville (I)	408
F. Lord (M)	342
C. Hall (I)	106

Four to come.

WARREGO.

P. J. Leahy (M)	347
D. Bowman (L)	334

Twelve to come.

WOOTAKATA.

M. Woods (L)	914
W. S. Dowel (M)	437

Six to come.

WIDE BAY.

G. Lindley (IM)	429
C. Jenkinson (IO)	361
C. Bailey (L)	272

Seven to come.

INTERVIEW WITH MR. PHILP.

PARTIES PRACTICALLY UNCHANGED.

ANALYSIS OF THE RESULTS.

TOWNSVILLE, Tuesday.

The Premier is naturally much gratified at his personal success, this being the fifth time in succession he has been returned at the head of the poll, covering the whole period of his Parliamentary life. He has been the recipient of numbers of messages congratulating him on his personal and his party success.

Mr. Philp, in an interview to-night, said that he was well satisfied with the results. As far as they were known up to a late hour the balance of parties remains practically the same; but it was pleasing, he said, to know that all the Ministers were safe, and, moreover, that the Government had really received an indication that their cause had advanced wonderfully in several centres, notably Charters Towers and Gympie. At Charters Towers the Government had morally won a great victory. The polling must have been a great shock to the Labour party. Recent advices gave evidence that had the contest been extended another week Mr. Paul and Mr. St. Ledger would have won, as they were gaining supporters nightly. Captain Reid had had hard luck in again getting so close to success at Gympie. The Government had much to be proud of in having gone so far in such a labour centre. In the Valley had one of the Ministerialists retired, as he had endeavoured to arrange, the Government would have won both seats. Mr. Philp is pleased, however, at Mr. M'Master's success, also at the win of Mr. Lyons at Cairns. The Ministerial party had certainly gone down in Maryborough, and the Maryborough people now had the opportunity of seeing if labour members could secure more for them than *their old representatives*. He regretted the loss of the seats at Bowen and Ipswich, but these were compensated for in great victories at South Brisbane and Enoggera, thus proving his contention during the campaign that where labour members were known, that was about the metropolis, they had the least success. The voting at Port Curtis and Aubigny had practicaly made additions to the Government ranks. Mr. Philp was pleased at the success of members there. It appeared, he continued, as if labour would have lost Mitchell, and if there had been no interference by the directors of the Mount Morgan mine, the Government would have retained the Fitzroy seat. Mr. Philp also expressed himself as pleased at the great win at Toowong. On the whole, the Premier concluded, he was very well satisfied with the results of the elections so far as they were known. He considered that the Government could command a good working majority. Such votes had been given at various places as clearly showed that there had been a serious revulsion of feeling from the time of the Federal elections, particularly at Townsville and Charters Towers.

The Premier has sent messages congratulating Mr. Paull and Mr. St. Ledger on the splendid fight they made.

THE PREMIER AT TOWNSVILLE.

AN ENTHUSIASTIC DEMONSTRATION.

BRISBANE, Tuesday.

The Premier's meeting at Townsville last night was marked by indescribable enthusiasm. Long before the hour of commencement the hall was packed by a crowd which passed the time by singing patriotic songs.

Mr. Philp, who received a great ovation, announced that the Banffshire had arrived that day with rails for the Richmond line. That was something the Government had done, not what they had promised to do. (Cheers.) He said the Federal Premier had apparently sent some of his supporters here to fight for him. Mr. Bamford had come to Townsville, Bowen, and Mackay. (Hisses and singing "Rule Britannia.") He had also sent Mr. Page to the Southern and Western districts. (Hisses.) Mr. Barton had no right to interfere in State politics. (Cheers.) He was not an elector nor even a resident of Queensland. We on the other hand had every right to interfere in federal politics, because we were electors. He could promise them that when the next federal elections came round he would not be absent from Queensland—(cheers)—as he certainly contended that the men who went from Queensland did not represent Queensland feeling. (Voices, No.") Townsville had also suffer more than any other town from Mr. Barton's legislation. Mr. Barton, courageous man that he was, went for the inoffensive kanaka, who had no Emperor nor fleet to protect him. (Applause.) The proceedings that had taken place in regard to kanakas alleged to have been out of work in New South Wales made him inclined to believe that Mr. Barton knew this election was on, and that he was endeavouring to make capital out of the incident. Everyone knew that Mr. Barton had taken the labour party under his wing, or rather the labour party had taken him under their wing. (Laughter and cheers.) The leader

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Tuesday Evening.

Another quiet day passed in the Stock and Share market, with but slight fluctuations in the prices of securities. An advance of ½ was offered for the 4 per cent. interminable stock of the State. City Bank had a buyer at 91a. Australian Joint Stock Bank B deposits improved a little, being inquired for at 12s 10d, after business at that figure. Steam analtered. United Insurance were in request at 7s, the new having a buyer at 16s 6d—an advance of 6d. Albury Gas advanced 6d, and North Shore Gas (new) 6d, Australian selling at the previous price. Tooth's Brewery recovered 3d, with sale at 29s 3d. Sydney Hydraulic sold at a reduction of 6d, and Aarons' Exchange Hotel at the lower price of 3s.

The following sales were reported on the Sydney Stock Exchange to-day:—Forenoon: Sydney Hydraulic, 20s paid, 40s. Noon: A.J.S. Bank B deposits, 12s 10d; Tooth's Brewery, 29s 3d. Later: Aarons' Exchange Hotel, 3s. Afternoon: Australian Gaslight, £17 9s. The closing quotations were:—

Company.	Capital paid up.	Amount of Shares.	Shares paid up.	Last Div. per annum.	Prices. Last Sale.	Buyer.	Seller.	Yield to Investors.
	£	£	£	p. c.				p.c.
BANK STOCK &c.								
S.B.W. F. S., 1887	849,350	—	—	4	105½	104	106	3 2
Do. Aut. 1873	530,160	—	—	3	104½	105	—	2 17
Do. 3 p.c.	...	—	—	3	94	—	94½	3 3
Do. 4 p.c. 1908	...	—	—	4	...	104	106	...
Do. 1924-25	...	—	—	4½	...	...	...	...
Do. N. T. Bills	1,000,000	—	—	3½	100½	100	100½	3 2
Do. Deb. 1922	200,300	—	—	5	100	...	...	...
Do. Deb. 1931	...	—	—	5	100	...	...	5 0
G.D., 1913	...	—	—	4	103	...	...	3 17
Union S.S.Co.	...	—	—	...	...	...	...	...
N.Z.B. 1913	200,000	—	—	4	107½	...	...	3 8
Do. 1914	...	—	—	...	102	...	...	3 9
Oil, Sugar—								
Do. 1914	...	—	—	5	111	...	...	4 9
Glen'dSydney &p.c., 1920	...	—	—	...	107½	106	—	3 3
BANKS.								
Aust. J.S. Australasia	1,168,041	10	7½	...	—	—	—	...
City	1,000,000	40	40	10	31½	31½	31½	4 15
New Zeal.	240,000	10	8	4	94/	91/	94/	4 5
New Zealand Commercial	160,000	10	8	4	99/	...	99/	4 0
of Australia, fully paid	1,198,440	6	6	...	5/4	—	—	...
Ditto pref.	2,117,070	10	10	3	6	—	—	...
Commer. of Sydney	1,000,000	25	12½	10	31½	31½	31½	4
N.S.W.	1,498,220	8	5	5½	71/	—	—	...
Ditto, pref.	300,780	10	5	5	4/	—	—	...
A. E. Wales	2,000,000	20	20	10	45/	45/	45½	4
New Zealand	500,000	20	5	5	+47/	47/	—	...
Q'landnat.	100,000	7	7	8	13/	—	15/	7 3
Third Nat.	412,841	—	—	—	—	—	—	...
Union	1,500,000	75	25	6	60½	59/	—	5 0
					60½	60½	62	
REPORTS.								
A.J.S. Bk.—								
Class A	...	—	—	5	13 3	13 6	13 6	4
Class B	...	—	—	5	12/10	12/10	13/	4
Bank Inst.	788,053	—	—	3½	9/3	9	10/	7
Com. of Aus.								
A ser., 1888	863,492	—	—	3½	10/3	10/	—	3
New series ..	3,400,000	—	—	3	15 6	12/9	—	3
B.N.A. Inst. pref.	889,418	—	—	3	12 10½	12 9	—	4
Ditto def.	889,299	—	—	4½	17/11	17/	18/	5
Ditto Pub.	980,547	—	—	4	17/9	17/9	—	4
Ditto Par.	195,779	—	—	3½	9/3	9	10/	7
Q. National	...	—	—	3½	12 6	11/9	12/9	5
STEAM.								
Belmain N. Ferry	10,490	1	1	10	...	—	—	...
Illawarra	58,000	5	3½	6½	5½	—	—	...
Newcastle	100,000	1	1	6	18 6	18 3	19/	...
South Coast	140,000	1	1	6	17 6	17 3	—	...
Sel. Steam Ferries	120,000	1	1	7	35 6	35	36	4
T. Jackson	25,000	20	20	5	25/	—	25/6	...
Ditto, Coogee, Rose Bay&c.	8,743	1	1	2½	17/	—	17/	...
Sydney	...	—	—	20	—	—	—	21/
Ditto pref.	...	—	—	5	—	—	—	...
Ditto Def.	...	—	—	20	—	—	—	21/
Ditto Def.	...	—	—	5	—	—	—	5/
INSURANCE.								
A. U. Fire	50,000	1	1/0	16	—	33/	—	...
Mar. Ins.	30,000	1	4/	16	12/3	12/	12 6	5
Australian	200,000	10	2	10	—	—	—	...
N. Zeal.	50,000	1	1/0	8	—	13/	—	...
Ditto	3,352	1	5/	8	—	—	—	...
Queen's	100,000	1	1	7	31/	30/	31/6	4
Ditto new	5,725	10	12	6	10	15 6	16/6	17/3
United	62,500	10	2½	10	7 6	7 4	7/	...
Ditto new	5,725	10	12	6	10	15 6	16/6	17/3
GAS.								
Albury	7,500	1	12	6	10	18/	18 6	...
Australian	681,786	6	6	9	17/9	17/9	17½	5
New Zealand					18/3	18	—	...
C. Town	20,000	10	10/	1	14/9	14 6	14/6	...
Goulburn	10,000	1	1	1	49/	50/	—	6
Grafton	8,000	1	1	1	24/	26/	—	...
Kalgoorlie	10,000	1	1	7	32 6	32	—	...
Kimberley	5,000	1	10/	7	12/6	—	—	...
Malgoa	8,000	1	1	7	17/	17/	—	7
Sydney	20,128	9	9	15	6½	6½	—	4
Ditto	...	—	—	5	14 6	17 6	—	4
Victoria	100,000	1	1	7	31/	30 6	31 6	4
Ditto New	...	—	—	7	10/3	10/3	11/	...
Ballarat Gas	15,500	5	5/	—	—	—	6	...
BREWERIES.								
Albury	10,800	—	10/	5	—	—	—	...
Ballo	4,000	1	1	4	10/	9 0	10/	...
Australian	48,000	10	10/	—	4/3	—	4/6	...
C. and Wood	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	...
Fort	980,000	1	1	4	10/	9 0	10/	8
Marshall's	29,000	10	5	6	3 9	3 8	3 9	3
Perkins'	58,833	15	15/	17½	37/	—	—	...
Tooth's	800,000	1	1	7	29 3	29/	29 6	4
MISCELL'N'S.								
Aarons'	17,500	15	10/	5	3/	2 6	3/6	16
Am. News	40,000	2	1	5	15/	—	—	6
B. H. Water Supply	168,500	1	1	10	20 3	—	—	...
Bovis, Philp	275,000	1	1	8	34/	32/	—	4
New Investm.					8 6	8/	—	...
Gt. Sugar	1,932,200	20	20	10	37	37	37½	5
Hoyts & Co.	1,000,000	20	5	8	5½	5	—	...
Inslep P. Tyre					11	11	19/	...
Jas R. Baill	100,000	1	1	—	3 6	1/	—	...
Jas Grayeul	84,000	1	1	—	11 9	11 6	12 6	...
Mal'Co., cont.	...	—	—	—	13/	—	14/	...
Mel. Trams	80,000	1	10	10	21 6	—	—	...
M de Piete	74,144	1	1	8	30 6	30 6	—	5
Nest'dDr.	150,000	1	1	6	17/	—	—	...
Penn Bros.	43,500	1	1	6	—	20/	21/	5
T. Food Ice	166,114	1	18/	—	7 3	7/	7 6	...
Stain and Oil	75,000	1	12/	—	2 11	—	2 11	...
New York and N. Zeal.								
R. Tilt	15,000	1	1	10	22 6	22 3	22 9	8
Penn. Trust	75,000	5	2/6	6	2 1	2/	2 1	6
Penn. Trans.	25,000	10	5	8	9 3	9/	9 3	4
Robertson & Wrench	60,000	1	1	5	18 6	18/	—	7
St. Trans	107,800	1	1	30	70/	69/	67/	8
Syd. Tee.	33,000	10	10	7	15	—	—	4
Syd. Hyd.	24,000	1	1	10	40/	—	40 6	5
Tilts	37,500	1	10/	10	—	18 6	20/	...
Vd. Land Ord.	...	—	—	—	100	—	—	...
LAND & RD.								
A. Mut. Imp.	...	—	—	—	4/3	—	—	...
Bondi Dev.	...	—	—	—	7 6	—	—	...
Bel. R. Dev.	...	—	—	—	14	—	—	...
Harcourt. D.	...	—	—	15/	12/6	—	—	...
Ditto Shares	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	...
Ind. Prov.	60,000	20	20	6	—	—	—	...
Inter'l Inv.	53,958	1	15/	7	16/	15 6	16/6	6
Sc. Ry. Land	...	—	—	—	5/	—	—	...
Sel. R. & Inv.	...	—	—	—	5/	—	—	...
New Zeal. Inv.	...	—	—	—	2/6	—	—	...

* Without dividends are interim the yield is based on a year's distribution, otherwise on the last half-yearly one.

† Auckland Herald.

It was announced on 'Change to-day that the Custom-house and Post and Telegraph Offices will be opened on Monday next; but the Federal Government provides that arrangements may be made subject to the permission of heads of the departments for leave of absences to officers who desire to attend the St. Patrick's celebrations, where there is no inconvenience to the public service.

The amount of the Sydney bank clearances for the past week was £3,464,579, comparing with £3,048,036 and £2 561,245 in the corresponding weeks of 1901 and 1900 respectively. Since January 1 the clearances have compared with those of several previous years as follows:—

January 1 to March 11, 1895	...	£20,291,734
January 1 to March 9, 1898	...	21,949,992
January 1 to March 7, 1897	...	22,028,457
January 1 to March 6, 1898	...	22,954,184
January 1 to March 13, 1899	...	25,278,880
January 1 to March 12, 1900	...	29,854,872
January 1 to March 11, 1901	...	31,107,112
January 1 to March 10, 1902	...	26,182,174

Todate so far since January 1 the clearances exceed those of last year by £5,015,062, or 16 per cent. In Melbourne, to March 3 the bank clearances aggregated £29,923,063, showing a decrease of £1,010,586.

As the year extends, the figures of this return show more favourably for Sydney and less for Melbourne; the amount of the increase of the clearances in the one becoming greater, and the sum of the decreases in the other growing larger. Where in former years, the bank clearances of Melbourne exceeded those of Sydney, in consequence of the inclusion of business omitted from our figures, now they fall absolutely short of them. The experience is the more remarkable because it was expected to be very different. It was thought the federal tariff being lower than the Victorian tariff would stimulate importation into the sister State; while being higher than that of New South Wales it was expected to check ours and consequently reduce the volume of business. Certainly there has been a decrease of imports into this State, and probably the trade in them has decreased at even a greater ratio than the imports. Other business in New South Wales, however, must have greatly increased to give so large a ratio of excess as 16 per cent. in the bank clearances. Reports from Melbourne agree that very great stagnation prevails there. That in the first two months of the year there was a decrease in the bank clearings of £1,010,586 or 3·4 per cent. suggests that other business than that of the importers is affecting the Melbourne situation. Of course the drought has affected the Victorian dairying interest; and outside investments have probably suffered more than those of New South Wales.

Of the report of the **Union Bank of Australia**, presented to the shareholders in London on January 27, we have already given the main features forwarded by cable. In moving its adoption Mr. Arthur Flower, the chairman, pointed out that the liquid assets represented some 7s in the £ of all liabilities—a very satisfactory proportion from the public point of view. Although, unfortunately, the drought in Queensland and parts of New South Wales had not broken up; wool had improved in value, and business generally throughout Australasia might, he thought, be described as sound and progressive. During the six months six new branches of the bank had been opened, while, on the other hand, two branches had been closed. This course, following as it did on the opening of several other new branches during the last two or three years, was one which had been deemed fully justified by the prospects of the respective districts, and, indeed, the tendency to closer settlement and the event of federation seemed to call for some such action. The result would in all cases be most carefully watched, and should any of these branches seem in the future unlikely to fill the board's reasonable expectation, their continuance would of course form the subject for careful consideration. Of an addition of £54,000 in general expenses, it was explained that £2200 was attributable to increased payment on account of income tax. After 45 years of service, Mr. William Lees, the general manager in Australasia, has decided to retire, and Mr. Samuel Hallamore, who entered the bank's service in 1874, had been appointed in his place. The chairman expressed the board's recognition of the services of the staff. At an extraordinary general meeting held afterwards, a proposal to increase the directorial fees by £2500, to more fully remunerate the chairman and vice-chairman, who since 1895 had had special supervision of the bank's affairs, was withdrawn in view of the expression of opinion by certain proprietors against the proposal.

New South Wales is continuing to receive a share of the business, and presumably of the profits of supplying South Africa with provisions. The Sydney Meat Preserving Company takes an order for 1,000,000lb. of compressed beef, and 500 tons of the State's flour goes to the Cape.

Good news of the Bradford "top" market is conveyed in our cable message. The firmness noticed is based on an anticipated rise in the price of wool.

The annual report of the Union Marine Insurance Company, of which Messrs. W. and A. M'Arthur are the chief agents for Australia, shows net premiums £450,869, insuring £36,541,105, of which £46,847,004 had run off. The statement of profit and loss presented a credit of £155,838, of which the directors had transferred £40,000 to the reserve fund, increasing it to £340,000. Dividends equal to 15 per cent. on the paid-up capital of £163,500 had been declared.

The revised figures showing the mineral output of the United States in 1900 give £213,600,000 as the value, counting 5dol. to the sovereign. A few of the principal items were as follows:—Gold, £15,835,000; silver, £7,150,000; coal, £61,400,000; coke, £7,230,000; iron ore, £13,300,000.

The Ravensworth and Gundahri estates, in the Hunter districts, are to be offered at auction to-morrow (Wednesday) at the Royal Exchange, by Messrs. Gair, Sloane, and Co., in conjunction with Trebeck, Son, and Co., Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Limited, and Messrs. E. Trenchard and Co. The Ravensworth Estate contains 62,000 acres of trechoil land, and the Gundahri Estate 8551 acres; both well-situated, valuable properties.

BREADSTUFFS.

Wheat remained dull at late market rates, namely, 3s 3d to 3s 6d as buyers' and sellers' prices respectively. Flour was quiet at £7 5s and upwards, the Associated Millers still quoting £7 15s to £8 per ton.

The following comparison may be made of the prices current for wheat and its products at this date during the current and past year:—

	March 12, 1901.	March 12, 1902.
Wheat, per bushel	2s 7d	3s 3½d
Flour, per ton	£5 5s 0d	£7 12s 0d
Bran, per bushel	8½d	1s 0½d
Pollard, per bushel	8d	1s 0½d

The receipts of wheat and flour by rail at Sydney, Clyde, Homebush, Burwood, Ashfield, Petersham, and Newtown during the week ended March 8 compared with those of the previous week and the corresponding week of last year, are as follow:—

	Wheat. Tons.	Flour. Tons.
Week ended March 11	5,950	999
Previous week	3,893	708
Last year	2,193	308

The receipts of wheat and flour during the first 11 statistical weeks of the last ten years are as follow:—

	Wheat. Tons.	Flour. Tons.
First 11 weeks in 1893	10,985	4,510
First 11 weeks in 1894	9,257	4,044
First 11 weeks in 1895	12,195	4,044
First 11 weeks in 1896	8,570	2,653
First 11 weeks in 1897	17,538	2,741
First 11 weeks in 1898	27,744	5,263
First 11 weeks in 1899	36,613	7,977
First 11 weeks in 1900	60,305	4,366
First 11 weeks in 1901	50,647	6,475
First 11 weeks in 1902	10,979	1,594

It is interesting to note that on March 6 there were 518,620 bags of wheat stacked at Victorian country railway stations, against 1,500,000 bags a year earlier.

IMPORT MARKET.

Mail day, as usual, had a depressing effect on trade, and transactions were on a small scale in all departments. The only news of particular interest from abroad was an intimation by cable from London to the effect that further advances in galvanised iron are anticipated.

Tea.—The last few weeks have been very uneventful in the tea trade. This was only what had been expected, seeing the unsettled state of the market owing to the imminence of the Legislature on the subject of the tea duty. It is now expected, however, that finality will shortly be reached, as though there is no absolute guarantee that several more weeks of suspense will not have to be endured before it becomes definitely known whether the duty, as at present collected, will receive the sanction of the lower branch of the Legislature. After this is done there is the Council to be considered, this body having power to reduce though not to increase the impost. The natural result of this unsettlement has been to cause storekeepers and grocers to refrain from buying a single pound more tea than is absolutely required for their immediate requirements. The turn has been reduced the sales done by the distributors, and importers have suffered correspondingly. The trade both wholesale and retail, having seen so many of the duties reduced during the discussion on the tariff, fear that the duty of 3d now being collected on tea may be likewise reduced to 2d or 1d per lb., though the majority of the trade appear to favour the heavier duty.

In regard to Ceylon teas the exportations from Colombo to Sydney during January—the last month for which statistics are available—totalled 246,143lb., as against 204,979lb. during the same month a year earlier. When, however, the February returns are available it is thought that a considerable shrinkage will be observable. This has, indeed, already been indicated in cables received from Colombo. Local stocks of Ceylons are very light, both in first and second hands. The Colombo market has of late shown considerable strength, and this has added to importers' difficulties, for it has made it very hard for them to get out, even with a stock demanded at a remunerating price. Nothing in common rapidly depreciating product. Nothing in common packages of tea, for liquor and leaf can be had at under 6d, nor in broken pekoes at under 7½d.

Indian teas during the past few weeks have been offered at auction and privately, but have not met with any great response. These teas were mostly of common to medium grades, and it is considered that they will be quickly absorbed as soon as the duty question is settled. Sales are now practically over in Calcutta, therefore these teas cannot be replaced until next season after the small shipments afloat have arrived. The latest statistics available show that the shipments of Indian teas from Calcutta to Sydney for the season up to date have been 2,524,000lb., against 3,040,000lb. for the corresponding period last season. For Australasian ports the shipments were 7,529,000lb. and 8,534,000lb. respectively. Stocks in first hands are rather large, however, as compared with Ceylons, despite the fact that the importations of Ceylon teas show an increase, and those of Indian teas a decrease. Decent quality Indian pekoe souchongs were quoted at 5½d and upwards for Sylets, Dooars, or Terais, while Assams were quoted at 6½d, and Assam and Darjeeling pekoes 8d.

The market for Chinas has been very quiet indeed. The few inquiries about were from those whose stocks bought early in the season are becoming exhausted. Nothing like general buying is going on. The future position of Chinas depends very much on the amount of duty ultimately fixed. Should this be 3d per lb. Chinas will probably come into great request, for the commoner blends cannot be sold at low prices without the inclusion of some such teas. Stocks of Chinas in first hands are probably lighter than they have ever been before in the recent history of the trade. This is easily understood when it is pointed out that imports from China according to latest statistics for all Australasian ports totalled 2,039,000lb., this season against 6,525,000lb. for the corresponding period of the previous season. Chinas, in heavy-weights, were quoted at 3d and upwards. All these teas bear 1d per lb. duty; medium Panyongs can be had at 6½d to 7½d; scented Orange Pekoes, 8½d to 1s; and Kooloos, 6½d to 10½d per lb.

Messrs. Stenning, Inskipp, and Co., in their annual report of the tea market for 1901, state:—"It is to be hoped there will be no reverting to coarse plucking consequent on the improved prices, compared with last year, now ruling for the lower classes. It must be borne in mind that the increase from the additional area which will be coming into bearing will undoubtedly again lead to overstocked markets and unremunerative prices if this policy be resorted to. Growers both in India and Ceylon now that they have secured so much of the world's demand, should use every endeavour to retain their customers by maintaining a satisfactory standard of quality for their produce."

Messrs. Cyril Trower and Co. report:—"We offered at our saleroome this morning under instructions from Messrs. Gerber, Michaut, and Co., a catalogue of Ceylon and Indian teas, covering 498 packages. The trade was largely represented. Bidding was slow, there being very little disposition on the part of buyers to operate. The Ceylon invoice was practically sold at prices showing an easing on last week's rates. Indian teas were not in demand, the bulk of the catalogue being passed in. On present selling rates in this State we show a 10 per cent. to 15 per cent. lower basis than either Calcutta or Colombo, and it is rather a remarkable coincidence that while the Eastern markets are firming our market is weakening determinedly. We quote selling rates as under:—In Bond: Ceylon teas, fair common pekoe souchongs and pekoes, 5½d to 7d; fair common to good broken pekoes, 7½d to 8½d. Indian teas, fair common pekoe souchongs, from 6d; good medium broken orange pekoes, from 7½d."

Messrs. Cyril Trower and Co. will offer next Tuesday, under instructions from Messrs. Gerber, Michaut, and Co., and Morgan and Co., Ceylon teas ex Eurydice and Oceana, covering 400 packages.

Groceries.—300 cases of Twelvetone quarter sardines changed hands at market rates.

Dried Fruits.—100 half-cases of currants sold at a shade under 4½d. Dates were also inquired after, 2½d being quoted.

Metals.—Private cables announce the likelihood of further advances in galvanised iron. Twenty tons of barbed wire sold at £14 10s per ton.

Jute Goods.—55 bales of brunbage moved off at 3s 7d spot and to arrive; 50 bales of 11d and 12 lb. woolpacks at 1s 8d to 1s 9d; and 25 bales of cornsacks at 4s 3d spot.

Oils.—Kerosene and other oils were quiet, and were generally quoted at low rates. It is anticipated that the new duty on naphtha will materially reduce the trade in this article.

Lumber.—Private cables from San Francisco advise an advance in redwood to 22dol., a rise of 1dol., and in oregon to 1dol. additional to schedule O which is also a rise of 1dol. on the previous rate quoted.

Return of produce received at Sydney, Clyde, Newtown, Petersham, Ashfield, Burwood, and Homebush, per rail, for the week ended March 11:—

Butter, 72 kegs, 1349 cases; cheese, 141 cases; eggs, 573 cases; bacon, 1 bag, 11 sides; hay, 88 trucks; straw, 26 trucks; chaff, 923 trucks; wool, 1054 bales; sheepskins, 1244 bales; wheat, 5959 tons; flour, 980 tons; oats, 438 tons; barley, 140 tons; maize, 16 tons; meal, 1 ton; potatoes, 24 tons; bran, 107 tons; pollard, 119 tons.

The Customs revenue received at Sydney to-day amounted to £15,293. The principal items were:—

Spirits, £1,902; wine, £26; ale, porter, and beer, £14; tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes, £210; sugar and molasses, £250; tea, £44; hops and malt, £210; confectionery, £20; advertising matter, £10; cement, £64; fish, £28; flour, £56; milk, £107; musical instruments, £48; nails, £31; oils, £19; rice, £23; tapioca, £33; timber, £568; varnishes, £25; harbour and light rates, £89; pilotage, £44; harbour dues, £22; excise on spirits, £345; excise on tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes, £112; excise on beer, £2,035; at ad valorem rates, £7808.

EXPORT MARKET.

London Leather Market". The issue of the "Shoe and Leather Record" of January 24 goes into details in regard to the position of Australian leather and hands on the London market. It states:—

Dealing with Australian sole leather, I am now even more reluctant to give an opinion regarding the outlook than I was last week. Actual trading is from hand to mouth all the time, and has been since the clear-up in December. Of course, during the few weeks of slackness and holiday-making shipments have come hand rather more freely, and, it is said, have accumulated to some extent. Now that the January demand has not turned out to be quite as brisk as some people anticipated, it is quite likely that the recent high values will not be upheld. In stating last week that the chief interest was unchanging, I simply meant that buyers were getting more and more assured that there would be plenty of sides to go round at present values, and the last week has indicated the likelihood of there being more than enough if trade keeps as it is at present. The position is not in any dangerous one for anyone, but the figures which ruled at the beginning of December, and before the last rise, far more nearly approximate to intrinsic values to-day than those quoted by importers who are endeavouring to get out of their stocks before there is competition becomes ostensible. Australian bellies and shoulders are unchanged, but much scarcer, as there is little rounding going on, unless for the account of manufacturers. Retinand bends are now almost a thing of the past, for present prices of sides are so high that cutting and trimming brings the cost too high as against American and other leathers. There are still, however, a few left which were got out at old prices. If sides are more plentiful, the same cannot be said to apply to bands, for these goods, both of New Zealand and Australian origin, continue to come to hand sparingly, and to be placed at high prices. It is the advance in competing leathers, such as rouns of Continental origin and common dressed Persians, which has brought these bands under the position they now occupy, for in the meantime it is certain that prices will keep high, even if they do not advance for the time being, so consumers can cover their probable requirements with confidence at to-day's rates.

Australian Wine in London.—Mr. P. B. Burgoyne, of the well-known firm of the same name which carries on a business in Australian wines in London, and is present in Australia. He is endeavouring to push this branch of our export trade. Mr. Burgoyne says that whereas the consumption of wine in England per head of population is only half a gallon per annum, that of beer is 34 gallons. In addition, England is regarded as a customer by all the wine-producing countries of the world. Wines were now bought on their brands, just as whisky was in Australia, so that merchants declining in the Australian product carried the responsibility of supplying only wines of good quality. This made them cautious in purchasing, for they had no outlet for inferior wines. In recent years, however, the South Australian Government had sent through its London depot cheap wines, and advertised them as the best wines exported from Australia. The result was that when travellers for such firms as his called upon shopkeepers they were met with the statement that the South Australian wines could be obtained through the depot at from 9d to 1s a gallon less than the merchants asked. It was useless to point out that there was a difference in quality. Vendors pointed to the Government guarantee on the labels, and replied that they had nothing to do with quality. South Australia was discrediting the States by giving guarantees for bad wines. The best Australian wines were well suited to the English palate, but something stronger than claret and hock was wanted. He regarded Australia as the finest country in the world for producing cheap claret and hocks, and produce a full-bodied burgundy, which was the wine required at the moment. Mr. Burgoyne objects strenuously to Government interference, which, he says, has a most baneful effect on the industry.

Wool Receipts.—At Darling Harbour to-day 247 bales of wool were manifested to arrive by rail, and 53 came to hand by rail at Newcastle on the 10th instant.

ENGLISH COMMERCIAL.

LONDON, Mar. 11.

BRADFORD TOPS.

The Bradford tops market is very firm in anticipation of an advance at the London sales.

WHEAT.

The cargo of the Edinburgh has been sold at 29s 10½d per 480lb., c.f.i.

METALS.

Copper is quoted on spot at 54½.

Tin is quoted on spot at 116½ per ton, and for three months at 113.

COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

Wheat was slightly firmer to-day in the market, with sales at 3s 5½d to 3s 6d; bran, 11d; and pollard, 11½d. Prime malting barley was firm at 4s 10½d, and Cape barley firm at 3s 1d to 3s 1½d. Algerian oats were firm, milling at 2s 8½d to 2s 9d, and feed 2s 6½d to 2s 7½d; maize, 3s 3½d to 3s 6d; and feed 2s 6½d to 2s 7½d; maize, 3s 3½d to 3s 6d. Prime chaff was quoted at £3 7s 6d to £3 10s; medium, £2 15s to £3 2s 6d; potatoes quiet, Warrnambool £3 10s, Gippsland £3 10s to £3 15s; onions, £3 12s 6d to £3 15s. In tea, 230 packages of Ceylon sold at 6½d to 9d; currants, 4½d to 5d; sultanas 7½d to 8½d. Carraway seeds sold at 5½d; cornsacks, 4s 2d to 4s 2½d; branbags, 3s 6d to 3s 6½d. Fencing wire is in fair demand, and 500 boxes of tinplates sold at 10d. Bottled quicksilver sold at 2s 8d.

On the Stock Exchange Victoria 3 per cents stock sold at £99 10s; Metropolitan Board of Works 3½ per cents, £98 15s; Commercial Bank pref., £5 1s; Royal Bank, 16s 4d; Victoria Bank ordinary, 53s and pref. £10 15s; Melbourne Tram, 17s 6d, 17s 4d; Silverton Tram, 6½; New Northcote Brick, 5s; Outtrim Howitt Coal, 2s 8d.

PRODUCE INWARDS.

CORAKI, Tuesday.

The steamer St. George left to-night for Sydney with 30 hardwood logs, 60 bags maize, 86 hides, 22,000ft. sawn pine, 1400ft. case material, 200 casks molasses, 1 bundle sheepskins, 78 boxes butter, and 3 casks tallow.

MORUYA, Tuesday.

The steamer Murray to-day had the following cargo:—300 cheese, 18 bags bark, 72 pairs poultry, 2 bags china cabbages, 2 bales sheepskins, 14 hides, 7 cases eggs, 11 pigs, 17,000ft. sawn timber, and sundries.

DAIRY NEWS.

CROOKWELL, Tuesday.

During the past six months the milk treated at the Kialla Butter Factory yielded 46,650lb. of butter fat, 163,797lb. of cream were treated, producing 61,737lb. of butter fat. Suppliers received £4339. Butter sales totalled £5602 5s 6d.

PARKES, Tuesday.

The Parkes Dairy Company treated during February 40,878 lb. milk, yielding 1697 lb. butter.

ROBERTSON, Tuesday.

For the month of February the Robertson Dairy Company separated 27,643 gallons of milk, producing 12,077lb. butter. The average test was 3·9, and suppliers were paid 11½d per lb. for butter fat, equal to 4½d per gallon for milk. It took 222lb. of milk to make 1lb. of butter. Owing to the continued dry weather the milk supply is decreasing rapidly.

PRODUCE MARKETS.—Tuesday.

TRADE IN SUSSEX-STREET.

A fair amount of business was transacted in most departments of general produce to-day. With one or two exceptions, supplies under offer were ample for requirements. Apart from a fall in chaff and oaten hay, no changes of note in prices transpired. A moderate turnover was noted in all grain lines at prices much the same as those ruling during the past few days. Both bran and pollard were if anything weaker on account of the rain, each being quoted at 12s to 13s per bushel. Some sellers state that it is not easy to effect sales at the first-named figure. In forage, trade was fairly good in all lines. Owing to the heavy supplies of chaff and oaten hay received by rail of late, auctioneers were compelled to accept lower rates for each in order to clear stocks. Prime chaff made £4 17s 6d to £4 2s 6d, extra prime going at £4 5s to £4 7s 6d. Good quality oaten hay moved off moderately well at £4. Lucerne remained steady, the arrivals from the Hunter River totalling 200 bales. The market was practically bare of potatoes pending the arrival of incoming boats due this afternoon (Tuesday). Onions were in quiet request at late rates. In dairy produce a good extent of business was done in most lines. The market was well supplied with poultry, especially with small half-grown birds, which were dull of sale at low prices.

Wholesale quotations were:—

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Bacon and Hams.—Scarce and firm. Hand-cured, 8d; flitches, 7½d; middles, 8½d; farmers' hand-cured, choice, 6½d; Pineapple flitches, 7½d; middles, 8½d; York Castle mild-cured brand, sides 8½d; Bodalla sides, 8d. Hams: 10½d; Eclipse sides, 8½d; Claremont sides, 8d. Hams: Local hams, choice, in cloth, 8½d; New Zealand, 9½d to 10d; Pineapples, 11½d; York Castle, 10½d; Eclipse, 10½d per lb.

Eggs.—Local Northern eggs, 1s 2d; South 1s 3d, choice brands 1s 4d; suburban new-laid hen eggs, good sale, 1s 6d; and duck eggs 1s 5d per dozen.

Butter.—Market firm. Choice quoted at 1s 3d, second quality quoted at 1s 2d to 1s 2½d, pastry 1s 1½d; pasteurised 1s 3½d per lb.

Cheese.—Firm. Prime loaf, 7d; medium quality, 6½d to 6¾d; large choice, 6¾d; medium quality, 6¼d; Bodalla, 7½d; Kamerukas, 7½d per lb.

Poultry.—Steady sale. Fair supplies. River poultry, fowls, Bens, prime 3s 3d to 3s 6d, medium to 3s, very young sorts to 2s 6d; choice roosters, 3s 6d to 3s 9d; young roosters, locally reared, 3s 6d to 4s; hens, 2s 3d to 3s 6d; English river ducks 2s 9d, choice 3s to 3s 3d, locally-reared, old 3s to 3s 3d, young 3s 6d; Muscovy ducks, river 3s 6d to 4s; locally-reared ducks, 3s to 4s; drakes, 4s to 5s; geese, 4s 6d to 5s; turkeys, gobblers 10s, good 12s to 13s, prime to 15s, young 6s to 7s; hens, 5s 6d to 6s, young 4s to 4s 6d per pair.

FEED GRAIN MARKET.

Oats.—Local Algerian, 2s 7d to 2s 7½d, choice 2s 8d to 2s 9d, choice prime white, 2s 11d to 3s, medium 2s 9d to 2s 10½d, prime seed 3s 3d; Tasmanian, prime feed 3s, medium 2s 10d to 2s 11d; milling oats 3s

COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENT.

THE SENATE.

MELBOURNE, TUESDAY, MARCH 11.

The President took the chair at 2.30 p.m.

THE STOPPING OF LETTERS.

Senator KEATING (Tas.) gave notice of his intention to inquire whether the Postmaster-General, when replying to a deputation from the National Christian League on January 10, stated that in the matter of stopping letters addressed to "Tattersall," there should be a clear expression of opinion before the Postmaster-General was called on to act, and before stopping such letters he should be sure that the sense of the community was with him. If so, what steps had been taken to obtain a clear expression of opinion?

THE ELECTORAL BILL.

This bill was further considered in committee.

Clause 17, "For the purposes of this Act a quota shall be ascertained in each State as follows:—The whole number of electors in each State as nearly as can be ascertained shall be divided by the number of members of the House of Representatives to be chosen therein."

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL moved to add the following:—"Until the rolls are compiled all persons qualified to have their names placed on a roll shall be deemed to be electors for the purposes of this part of the Act."

Senator MATHESON (W.A.) thought that the amendment was too wide, and he proposed that qualified persons should be those on the roll of electors for the more numerous House.

Senator CLEMONS (Tas.) was of opinion that the duty of ascertaining a quota should be placed clearly on the commissioners. It should be placed beyond all doubt that the quota to be ascertained by the commissioners should be the one to be acted on. He moved the insertion after the word "ascertained" of "by the commissioners."

Senator EWING (W.A.) thought the suggestion was absurd and unnecessary. Regarding the adoption of electoral rolls, he would point out that as far as Western Australia was concerned this would not be satisfactory, as the rolls there were full of the names of dead men and absentees. He approved of the proposal of the Government.

Senator STEWART (Q.) thought the objections to the wording of the clause were based on a desire to prevent it from passing. He did not think the Commissioners would be required to ascertain the quota, which could be found out by some junior clerk.

The amendment to insert "by the commissioners" was negatived by 15 votes to 8.

Senator Matheson's amendment was negatived, and the clause, with the addition proposed by the Vice-President of the Executive Council, was agreed to.

Clause 18, "The quota of electors shall be the basis for the distribution of the divisions, and shall be adhered to as nearly as practicable, but may be departed from to the extent of one-fourth, more or less."

Senator DE LARGIE (W.A.) thought the margin too large, and moved the substitution of "one-eighth" for "one-fourth."

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL was of opinion that the liberal margin allowed by the Act was necessary, especially in thinly populated districts.

Senator M'GREGOR (S.A.) approved of a liberal margin, but thought that the Government had gone too far. He supported the amendment.

Senator BARRETT (Vic.) considered a margin of one-fourth altogether too much. That of one-eighth was preferable.

Senator STYLES (Vic.) considered that a tenth would be a sufficient margin.

Senator EWING (W.A.) thought that under the wording of the clause there could be a difference in quota equal to one-half.

The POSTMASTER-GENERAL stated that according to information supplied him the limit at the Victorian federal elections exceeded that provided by the bill.

Senator CHARLESTON (S.A.) pointed out that the action of the commissioners would have to be revised by Parliament.

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL said it was often necessary to depart from the quota to a larger extent than one-eighth. He had no hesitation in saying that if the margin were limited to an eighth there would be a good deal of difficulty.

The quota of one-fourth was agreed to by 12 to 11, and the clause passed.

On clause 19, "In the distribution of States into divisions consideration shall be given to (a) community or diversity of interest, (b) means of communication, (c) physical features."

Senator STEWART (Q.) objected to this classification of electors, who should all be regarded as citizens of the Commonwealth.

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL contended that under single electorates regard must be had to community of interests.

The clause was agreed to.

Clause 20, "Before reporting on the distribution of any State into divisions the commissioners shall give notice by advertisement in two newspapers circulating in the State of the proposed distribution, and of the number of electors, as far as known to them, residing in each proposed division."

Senator MATHESON (W.A.) expressed the view that the provision for publicity was inadequate. He moved,—"That the notice appear in one newspaper in each proposed division."

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL would like all publicity, but thought the proposal too extravagant altogether.

Sir WILLIAM ZEAL (Vic.) suggested that the notices should be affixed to post-offices or State schools.

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL: Comparatively few persons would see them.

Senator HIGGS thought that if economy were desired a good plan would be for the Government to send through the post notices to each elector.

Senator BARRETT thought all necessary publicity would be secured by putting notices in two metropolitan journals.

Senator DOBSON said it would be quite unnecessary to publish the matter in a newspaper in every division.

Senator MATHESON'S amendment was negatived by 11 to 9.

Senator STEWART (Q.) moved a further amendment to insert in two or more newspapers. It was most important, he said, that the electors should know the boundaries of the division, and it was a penny wise and pound foolish economy which was advocated. So far as Queensland was concerned, the publication in two papers would be as bad as no publication.

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL said he was prepared to accept the amendment, and to add to the clause a provision for displaying maps at post-offices, police stations, and railway stations showing the boundaries of divisions, with particulars as to the number of electors.

The clause as amended was agreed to.

On clause 23, "The report and map shall be laid before the House of Representatives within seven days after its receipt if the House is then sitting, and if not within seven days after the next meeting of the House of Representatives."

Senator CLEMONS (Tas.) proposed that the report should be laid before both Houses.

The amendment was agreed to, and the clause passed.

Clause 24,—"If the House of Representatives passes a resolution approving of any proposed distribution the Governor-General may, by proclamation, declare the names and boundaries of the divisions, and such divisions shall, until altered, be the electoral divisions for the State in which they are situated."

Senator CLEMONS (Tas.) moved to substitute the words "both Houses."

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL argued that it was in the public interests that the Senate should not insist on what was asked. He maintained that by agreeing to the Government proposal no right would be surrendered.

Senator GLASSEY (Q.) considered that circumstances might arise to make it essentially necessary for the Senate to interfere.

Senator Sir JOHN DOWNER (S.A.) considered that under no constitution would one House be justified in passing a statute depriving itself of the right to share in legislation.

Senator STYLES (Vic.) thought the Government, seeing the temper of the House, might concede to the Senate the right which it demanded to discuss the matter.

The amendment was agreed to without a division.

On clause 28, which provided that before any polling-place other than the chief polling-place is appointed for any division the Commonwealth electoral officer for the State shall report to the Minister what polling-places are required,

Senator HIGGS (Q.) proposed to amend the clause so as to provide that polling-places shall be declared on the petition of a prescribed number of electors or by resolution of the Senate or House of Representatives.

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL opposed the amendment, which would make the Act unworkable.

The amendment was negatived, and the clause passed.

Progress was then reported, and the House rose at 10.2 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House adjourned at 10.2 p.m. until 2.30 p.m. on the following day.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MELBOURNE, TUESDAY, MARCH 11.

The Speaker took the chair at 2.30 p.m.

ALIEN IMMIGRANTS.

The PREMIER told Mr. Watson (N.S.W.) that he knew of no negotiation or authority as reported in the Japanese Diet to discriminate between Japanese and other immigrants arriving under the Aliens Immigration Act, except that permits had been granted to a small number under the Queensland Acts. The Government was taking no action of any kind.

EASTER ADJOURNMENT.

The PREMIER told Sir William M'Millan (N.S.W.) that the Easter adjournment would be from Thursday before Good Friday until the following Wednesday. Until next week he could not say what would be the order of the Government business.

INCOME TAX ASSESSMENTS.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL told Mr. Brown (N.S.W.) that he was not aware that residents in New South Wales who were deriving income from Victoria were treated as absentees by Victoria in the matter of income tax assessments. The whole matter was one for the Courts to determine.

THE TARIFF.

The tariff was further considered in committee of ways and means.

Item 1, "Paper manufactures unframed for advertising purposes, including price lists, catalogues, fashion plates, and all printed or lithographed matter for such purposes, 3d per lb."

Sir WILLIAM M'MILLAN (N.S.W.) thought that price lists should be admitted free. It was impossible to tax these ad valorem, and even on the other items 1½d would be quite sufficient.

Mr. FULLER (N.S.W.) moved,—"That fashion plates be admitted free." These really were tools of trade to many people.

The TREASURER agreed to omit fashion plates.

Mr. MAUGER (Vic.) said that if this item were made free a great deal of printing would be sent to Austria that could and should be done in the Commonwealth.

Mr. WILLIS (N.S.W.) said that much of this imported lithographic advertising matter had been abandoned by importers in the past rather than pay duty. This matter was then sold by auction.

The TREASURER said that the item brought in £4000 in Victoria last year.

Mr. CONROY (N.S.W.) thought this was a singular assertion for the Treasurer, who had not given any estimate of revenue from this item. A mistake of £10,000 was made in an estimate by the Government last week in the matter of printing paper.

Fashion plates were struck out of the item and made free.

Sir WILLIAM M'MILLAN moved that the whole item be free. Catalogues, price lists, and other matter of the kind gave very necessary information to business people, and should certainly not be charged duty.

Mr. WATSON (N.S.W.) held that all this work should be done locally instead of being sent to America or Germany, as had been the practice in the past.

Sir EDWARD BRADDON (Tas.) thought it monstrous to tax catalogues, from which knowledge of new inventions and discoveries could be gathered.

The amendment was rejected by 25 votes to 18.

Sir WILLIAM M'MILLAN thought 15 per cent. would be a fair compromise, which would be about 1½d per lb.

The TREASURER said he could not accept that.

Sir WILLIAM M'MILLAN then proposed that the duty be 2d per lb.

Mr. THOMSON (N.S.W.) thought the Treasurer might well accept this proposal, since paper on which much of this matter was to be printed had now been made free.

Mr. CONROY (N.S.W.) regretted that no argument had been brought forward in favour of high duties.

Mr. M'LEAN (Vic.): Why argue?

Mr. CONROY: When the duty on printing paper was under consideration Mr. M'Lean and Mr. Mauger were very eloquent against the duty because it could not be passed on. This duty could be passed on to small men who could not make strong representations, and therefore these gentlemen voted for the high duty.

The amendment was rejected by 26 to 19, and the item passed at 3d per lb.

On the item, "Writing paper, cut less than 16 by 13 in., and toilet paper, in rolls or packets, 2d per lb.,"

Sir WILLIAM M'MILLAN thought this was much too high. According to this item, everything larger than foolscap would not be liable, thus showing a great anomaly. In New South Wales they had as fine stationery establishments as could be found anywhere, and these had been established without duty. This duty of 2d was alleged to be equal to 15 per cent., while the duty on manufactured stationery was 2s per cent. He proposed that the duty be 10 per cent.

The TREASURER said he would be willing to accept a duty of 15 per cent. on the item instead of 2d per lb.

Sir William M'Millan's amendment was negatived on the voices, and the item passed at 15 per cent.

On the item, "Paper, browns, grey, blue, sugar, cartridge, and blotting, 6s per cwt.,"

The TREASURER said he wished to amend the item by inserting the words "other tints" after "sugar."

Sir MALCOLM M'EACHARN (Vic.) thought the wording should be clear so as to make other tints to apply to sugar bags.

Sir WILLIAM M'MILLAN (N.S.W.) thought they should understand what they were doing. On some of these papers the duty would run up to 40 and 50 per cent., and this duty should not be a fixed, but an ad valorem one. If the amount were reduced to 3s it would be something in the way of fairness.

Sir JOHN QUICK (Vic.) said that there was now practically no local competition in this line. Since all the mills were in the hands of one firm the duty should certainly be reduced by half.

Mr. WATSON (N.S.W.) thought it right and fair to make a substantial reduction on this line which was only one likely to be successful. A 3s per cwt. duty would be sufficient.

It was agreed to insert fruithags in the item.

Mr. SYDNEY SMITH (N.S.W.) thought that an ad valorem duty was the proper thing, and he moved that the duty be 15 per cent. He said that in Victoria the local mills had been charging much less than they were selling the same article at in New South Wales. That showed what was possible under a protective duty.

After discussion Mr. Sydney Smith withdrew his amendment.

The TREASURER moved,—"That the duty on paper, brown, grey, blue, and other tints, and sugar paper be 3s per cwt." He said he was not now dealing with cartridge or blotting paper.

Sir W. M'MILLAN (N.S.W.) still thought an ad valorem duty would be fair and more satisfactory.

Mr. CONROY (N.S.W.) said a fixed duty would act very unevenly, being in some cases 60 per cent., while in others it was only 7 to 8 per cent. According to the Treasurer the interests of three manufacturers were to be considered against the interests of the Commonwealth. That was the meaning in plain language of what the Treasurer had said.

The TREASURER angrily demanded that Mr. Conroy should state in plain language what he had so often said by way of innuendo. If what was hinted was true he (the Treasurer) was not fit to occupy the position he did.

The CHAIRMAN hoped Mr. Conroy would withdraw.

Mr. CONROY said he doubted very much whether or not the Treasurer was fit to occupy his position. (Disorder and cries of "Chair.")

The CHAIRMAN demanded that Mr. Conroy should withdraw the expression.

Sir WILLIAM M'MILLAN hoped his friend would explain that he made no personal charges against the Treasurer.

Mr. CONROY said that his remarks were innocent of all meaning of personal corruption. He did, however, charge the Treasurer with considering the interests of three Victorian manufacturers before that of the Commonwealth. The same thing occurred in the case of mining machinery, where the claims of thousands of miners were ignored.

The matter then dropped.

Mr. MAHON (W.A.) said that in some cases the duty proposed amounted to 85 per cent. Some of these papers were only worth £7 per ton, while others were worth £20.

Mr. KNOX (Vic.) said that he thought the Government compromise was a fair one; but if an ad valorem duty were decided upon he must vote for the equivalent of 3s.

The proposal to make the duty on sugar-bag paper 15 per cent. was rejected by 22 to 19.

The TREASURER moved that the duty be 3s per cwt. and the amendment was agreed to.

The TREASURER then moved that cartridge and blotting paper, 6s per cwt.; be 15 per cent., and the amendment was agreed to.

On the item, paper bags 7s 6d per cwt.,

The TREASURER moved that the duty be 6s, since the duty on printing paper had been removed.

Sir W. M'MILLAN (N.S.W.) moved that the duty be 5s.

Mr. WILLIS (N.S.W.) said that the industry had been successfully established under a duty of 4s.

The amendment was agreed to.

On the item, "paper, n.e.i., including cardboard, pasteboard, pulpboard, millboard, greyboard, leatherboard and woodboard, cloth-lined boards and paper, floor paper and paperhangings, 15 per cent.,"

Mr. EDWARDS (N.S.W.) moved that the duty be 10 per cent.

Mr. THOMSON (N.S.W.) asked why coated printing paper should be charged at 15 per cent., while uncoated paper came in free.

The TREASURER said that under the circumstances he would agree to make coated paper free.

Mr. FULLER (N.S.W.) said that bookbinders' paper which could not be made here should be free. Similarly, millboard, greyboard, and leatherboard should be free.

The TREASURER said that as millboard, greyboard, leatherboard, and woodboard could not be made here he would agree to reduce them to 10 per cent., but as regarded the other lines he must continue to ask 15 per cent. As regarded coated printing paper he desired to make it free, but what was known as surface-coated paper, being made here, must be excluded from that exemption. He moved that cardboard, pasteboard, and pulpboard be 15 per cent.

Mr. EDWARDS (N.S.W.) moved that the duty be 10 per cent.

The amendment was rejected by 22 to 21, and the item passed at 15 per cent.

The TREASURER moved that millboard, greyboard, leatherboard, and woodboard be 10 per cent.

This was agreed to.

The TREASURER moved that cloth-lined boards and paper, floor paper, paperhangings, and surface-board paper be 15 per cent.

Mr. CONROY thought that paperhangings should be free, but as that was impossible nothing more than a revenue duty of 10 per cent. should be charged. He moved that the duty on paperhanging be 10 per cent.

The amendment was rejected, and the item passed at 15 per cent.

The item, "Vesta and match boxes empty, per gross 3d," was postponed.

On the item, "Cards, playing, in sheet or cut, per dozen packs 3s,"

Sir E. BRADDON (Tas.) said that a countervailing excise duty on locally-manufactured cards should be imposed.

The TREASURER said he had looked into the matter, but saw no reason for charging excise. Unless the import duty were doubled to charge an excise duty would be to block small manufacturers.

Mr. CONROY (N.S.W.) thought that this was a fine opportunity for the Government to try to regulate the morals of the community by imposing an excise duty.

Sir WILLIAM M'MILLAN (N.S.W.) said the import duty ranged to 300 per cent., and was apparently purely protective. He thought the revenue should be considered.

The item was agreed to.

On the item, "Manufactured stationery, advertisements, and pictures framed for advertising purposes, &c., &c., 25 per cent,"

Sir JOHN QUICK (Vic.) moved that paper patterns be made free. This was a purely revenue duty, and paper patterns were largely used by the poorer classes. To tax them would be unfair.

The TREASURER said Madame Weigel made these patterns locally, and should be protected against mere importers like Candin and Co.

Sir WILLIAM M'MILLAN (N.S.W.) thought paper patterns were educational in their effect, and should be free, as also should illuminated texts.

Mr. CONROY (N.S.W.) thought that not only paper patterns, but wedding and funeral cards should be free.

The motion that paper patterns be made free was agreed to on the voices.

Sir WILLIAM M'MILLAN (N.S.W.) moved,—"That the duty on the remainder of items be 20 per cent."

Sir MALCOLM M'EACHARN (Vic.) hoped this would not be done. The duty had been 35 per cent. in Victoria, and the 10 per cent. reduction already made was very large.

Sir WILLIAM M'MILLAN desired to point out the vicious principle on which many Victorians spoke and voted. Because 35 per cent. had been charged in Victoria that was no reason for making all the Commonwealth pay a prohibitive duty. It was time that members like Sir Malcolm M'Eacharn rose above petty provincialism. (Laughter.) Had members when seeking election proclaimed their intention of voting for prohibitive duties they would not have been returned.

Mr. CONROY (N.S.W.) thought it was absurd to charge Sunday school cards and betting books at the same rate. He moved that copybooks, drawing books, and exercise books be free.

The amendment was rejected, as also was an amendment to make the duty 15 per cent.

Sir W. M'Millan's amendment to make the whole item, as amended, 20 per cent., was rejected by 23 to 14, and the item was agreed to.

On the exemptions,

Mr. WATSON (N.S.W.) thought they had a right to obtain some revenue from the importations of etchings, oil paintings, and engravings. A duty of 10 per cent. would give a fair revenue, and would in no way block importation. Oil paintings were luxuries, and should bear a duty.

Emery and flint paper and cloth, filter paper, and litmus paper were passed as exempt.

On the item, pulp for manufacturing paper,

Mr. CONROY (N.S.W.) wished to know where the protectionists were that they allowed this pulp to come in free.

The item was passed.

The line roofing, sheathing, and insulating paper was agreed to.

On the line true vegetable parchment for packing butter for export,

Mr. COOK (N.S.W.) moved the omission of the words "for packing butter for export."

Mr. THOMSON (N.S.W.) agreed that it was impossible at the time of importation to say what this paper would be used for.

The TREASURER agreed to let the line read "True vegetable parchment," and the line was agreed to.

Mr. WATSON (N.S.W.) suggested that all tissue paper should be allowed to come in free.

The TREASURER said it would be difficult to discriminate, but he promised to look into the subject and allow an opportunity for its further consideration.

Mr THOMSON (N.S.W.) urged him to reduce the size of paper.

The TREASURER said he would agree to reduce the size of tissue for fruit-wrapping paper to 10 by 10in.

The proposal was agreed to on the understanding that the whole subject would be reconsidered.

Mr. HUME COOK (Vic.), on behalf of Mr. M'Coll (Vic.), moved,—"That illuminated and pictorial Scripture text cards be free." He said he had some samples which he could show to the Treasurer.

The TREASURER: Oh! no, no! I'll let them in free. (Laughter.)

Sir JOHN QUICK (Vic.) moved,—"That paper patterns and pattern-working be included in the free list."

The amendment was agreed to.

Sir EDWARD BRADDON (Tas.) pointed out that they were failing in their duty by permitting engravings, etchings, oil paintings, and water colours to come in free, as these were distinct luxuries.

Sir WILLIAM M'MILLAN: Move a vote of censure.

Sir EDWARD BRADDON: They were acting most inconsistently in framing the tariff, and he hoped the Treasurer would really look into the matter.

The list of exemptions was then agreed to.

On division 14, "Vehicles, bicycles, tricycles, and similar vehicles and parts thereof, n.e.i., cycle parts (except tires), plated, enamelled, polished, or otherwise completed or permanently joined, including cycle accessories and motor vehicles, ad valorem 20 per cent.,"

Sir WILLIAM M'MILLAN (N.S.W.) said that as the Treasurer wished to get on with the tariff he would suggest they should pass the whole division at once at an all-round duty of 15 per cent. (Laughter.)

The TREASURER said that as the acting Opposition leader had made such a generous offer he would meet it with another—that they should pass the whole division without discussion. (Laughter.)

Sir JOHN QUICK (Vic.) asked for a clearer definition as regarded "parts," and suggested that "n.e.i." should be included after the word "vehicles."

The Treasurer assented, and the amendment was agreed to.

Sir JOHN QUICK thought they should have a 20 per cent. duty on bicycles, a duty of 15 per cent. on finished parts, and 10 per cent. on unfinished parts.

The TREASURER said he and his colleagues after careful consideration had decided that it would not be right to admit the finished part at a lower rate, as very little work was involved in putting them into machines. He therefore regretted that he could not comply with the suggestion.

Mr. TUDOR (Vic.) contended that if a distinction were made in favour of the finished parts they would all be imported in rough parts and would be put together in Victoria.

Mr. J. COOK (N.S.W.) twitted Mr. Tudor with thinking only of Victoria, and ridiculed the idea of a duty on parts affecting the bicycle trade.

The TREASURER said that in the next item he would be willing to propose that bicycle rims in the rough be only 10 per cent.

Sir WILLIAM M'MILLAN again urged that 15 per cent. would be a fair tax for the whole item. He therefore submitted an amendment that the duty be 15 per cent.

The amendment was negatived by 24 votes to 17, and the item was agreed to.

On the item, "Cycle parts, n.e.i., 15 per cent.,"

Sir JOHN QUICK (Vic.) moved that the duty be 10 per cent.

The TREASURER asked that it should apply to steel bars for the manufacture of guns.

Mr. WATSON (N.S.W.) opposed the reduction, as the cost of importation was much greater on parts than on the finished article. He thought 15 per cent. was a fair duty, as after all the industry was only of a partial nature.

The Treasurer's amendment to include steel bars for guns was agreed to, and the item as amended was agreed to at 10 per cent.

On the item, "Vehicles, barouches, broughams, landaus, victorias, mail phaetons, drags, and similar vehicles, each £12 and 15 per cent. ad valorem,"

The TREASURER said most of the duties in other States were fixed, but as he realised that the committee would not have composite duties he proposed to suggest ad valorem duties for the item and the whole division. Some of the imported buggies were very low priced, as American buggies cost as low as £4 7s 6d in America. He proposed, therefore, to ask for a duty of 25 per cent., which he declared would be fair.

Sir WILLIAM M'MILLAN (N.S.W.) pointed out that there appeared to be a kind of fetish about 25 per cent. Comparatively few carriages and buggies were imported even now, as in many towns of New South Wales first-class vehicles were produced. There was also a heavy natural protection against imported vehicles and parts ranging from 15 to 40 per cent.

Mr. MACDONALD PATERSON (Q.) said that freetrade in New South Wales had driven hundreds of employees out of the trade. Imported buggies in Sydney broke down after a trial or two, and their remains were being sold for £1. Another one would be purchased at Anthony Hordern's for £10. ("Oh, oh.") Drapers in Sydney sold buggies, carriage-builders being out of it. Farmers' waggons should be 33 per cent., but barouches and landaus should pay 50 per cent. He hoped the Government would not give way, and if no one else would do it he would move that the minimum be 33 per cent.

Mr. JOSEPH COOK (N.S.W.): You voted for free sheep-wash, did you not? (Laughter.)

Mr. M'DONALD PATERSON (Q.): Yes, and would vote for free men wash. (Laughter.)

Mr. F. E. M'LEAN (N.S.W.) thought if 50 per cent. was Mr. Macdonald-Paterson's idea of being reasonable he would like to know what unreasonable meant. As a matter of fact, Australia was and had been for a long time practically supplying its own requirements. This industry was successfully established without protection, and needed no help. Nothing but a fair revenue duty was required. He denied that there were hundreds of men in this trade out of employment.

Mr. MACDONALD-PATERSON said his information was that but for freetrade hundreds more men and apprentices would be employed.

Mr. F. E. M'LEAN: While Mr. Macdonald-Paterson's contention was destroyed by the fact that only £8000 worth of vehicles was imported yearly, would that amount find employment for hundreds of men and apprentices? New South Wales had splendid timber, excellent workmen, and a population that used vehicles largely.

Mr. EDWARDS (N.S.W.) stated that, although Mr. Macdonald-Paterson said the industry needs help, yet he confessed to having got a buggy from Sydney 27 years ago which was still running, and would probably, like the deacon's one-horse shay, go to pieces all at once at the end of 100 years. (Laughter). He moved that the duty be 20 per cent., which should be the ruling rate, although 15 per cent. would be enough.

Mr. THOMSON (N.S.W.) said Mr. Macdonald-Paterson's so-called facts about the coachbuilding trade of New South Wales were absolutely without foundation. In 1899, the Treasurer's normal year, Victoria imported more in this line than New South Wales did from places beyond the Commonwealth.

The TREASURER moved that all parts n.e.i. be 25 per cent.

This was agreed to, and the division passed.

Progress was reported.

ADJOURNMENT.

On the motion for adjournment the PREMIER said that after closing the tariff proper and consideration of postponed items the House would discuss the amendments to the Public Service Bill.

The SPEAKER announced his intention to issue a writ to elect a member in place of the late Mr. Pierce, nominations to be receivable from the 15th to the 20th; polling 26th.

The House adjourned at 11.23 p.m. until 2.30 p.m. next day.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

THE MISSING STATION BOYS.

BODY OF GRAHAM WELLS FOUND.

ADELAIDE, Tuesday.

Mr. A. M'Leod, manager of Eringa station, received a telegram on Tuesday morning from M. C. Cowle, at Charlotte Waters, stating that the body of the lad Graham Wells, who in company with a half-caste boy named Jack, had left that station on January 21 to recover some horses which had broken away during a thunderstorm, had been found. The white boy had perished some 250 miles from Eringa, but there were no traces of the half-caste.

A MINING LIBEL CASE.

The hearing of the action brought by Mr. Tucker, M.H.A., against Mr. J. Hutchison, M.H.A., for £1000 damages for alleged libel, was begun at the Civil Court, before Mr. Justice Bundey and a special jury this morning. The Attorney General, Mr. P. Nesbit, K.C., and Mr. Young appeared for plaintiff; and Sir Josiah Symon, K.C., with Mr. A. J. M'Lachlan, for defendant. Plaintiff's claim set out that plaintiff in the latter part of 1896 was one of the directors of the Queen Margaret No. 1 South Gold-mining Company, and that defendant falsely and maliciously wrote and published certain statements in a newspaper concerning plaintiff. Defendant pleaded that he published the statement, if at all, bona fide and without malice, believing the same to be true, and in the discharge of his duty as a citizen and a member of Parliament. The greater part of the day was occupied by the opening address of the Attorney-General.

Major C. J. Reads, C.B., who has been Camp Commandant for the last two contingents for South Africa, has been appointed to the Melbourne Headquarters Staff.

Recently applications were invited by the Supply and Tender Board for the supply and delivery of 75,000 railway sleepers for broad and narrow gauge. Ninety tenders, aggregating 31,530 broad and 227,000 narrow gauge sleepers were sent in, and of these 33 tenders amounting to 78,750 broad and 80,400 narrow have been accepted at a total price of £34,000.

The State Treasurer has disposed of the balance of the £850,000 Treasury Bills authorised by Parliament last session. These bills, which have a currency of three years, and bear interest at 3½ per cent., are to recoup South Australia for advances made to the Northern Territory.

PORT DARWIN, Tuesday.

The Guthrie, from Hongkong, arrived on Saturday with two Chinese on board for here, and sailed on Sunday for southern ports, taking Mr. Nelson from the Port. She also took three Japanese. Her cargo includes 98 bullock hides, 28 bags of tin ore, and a box of gold shipped by Jolly and Co., valued at £900.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

DEATH OF MR. C. Y. O'CONNOR, C.M.G.

PERTH, Tuesday.

The body of Mr. C. Y. O'Connor, C.M.G., Engineer-in-Chief, was found yesterday in about 3ft. of water on the beach some miles from Fremantle. There was a bullet wound in the mouth and at the back of the head. A revolver was found in the water close by. The body was taken to the Morgue. There was nothing unusual of late in Mr. O'Connor's demeanour, but he had complained of insomnia. He was aged about 58, and leaves a widow and six children, of whom three daughters are married.

Cardinal Moran, who is a passenger by the India, landed at Fremantle yesterday and was received by Bishop Gibney, Monsignor Bourke, and other church dignitaries, and entertained at lunch by the Oblate Fathers.

THE PARIS FIGARO.

The Paris correspondent of the London "Times" telegraphed to that journal on January 24:—The general meeting of shareholders of the 'Figaro' was held this afternoon. It had been eagerly looked forward to, as it was known that at last there was to be a solution of the quarrel which for more than a year has divided, it may almost be said ruined, a journal which had become literally a French national institution. It was the Dreyfus affair which brought about all these difficulties. It will be remembered that M. Perivier and M. de Rodays, the two successors of M. Magnard as managers, failed in their appeal against the decision of the previous general meeting of shareholders. This afternoon's meeting was an extraordinary one summoned to decide the question of the managership of the paper and to alter the statutes. The meeting, which was very stormy, was presided over by M. Prestat, the chairman of the board of directors, who defended the candidacy of his son-in-law, M. Gaston Calmette. The latter read the declaration of principles which will be published in the 'Figaro' to-morrow or on Sunday, when the journal will appear with M. Calmette's name at the top as sole manager. M. Calmette was elected by 646 votes to 127. His declaration, which was very moderate in form, stated that the 'Figaro' would be, as a journal, the organ of no political party, but 'independent, tolerant, clear, Parisian, and French.' Politics would hold no important place in it—in fact, there would no longer be a daily political bulletin. The declaration was an attempt at a compromise, and for the moment what is known as the 'Figaro' war seems to have spent itself. We have now only to wait to see the new 'Figaro' at work in order to judge it."

Not by legal methods, whether carried into effect by the local authorities or in consequence of individual effort, will an increasing and permanent improvement in the atmosphere of London be brought about. That is the opinion of a writer in the current "Cassiere's Magazine," who says: "Two things most distinctly point to future developments which will be in the right direction. These are the use of gaseous fuel and the more general adoption of electrical methods." Another possibility which amounts to a probability is that in the course of a few years the development of power will become much more centralised and will be distributed electrically. The further this is carried the fewer will be the industrial chimneys, and another stage will have been reached towards a complete purification of the London satmosphere. No doubt all this is true, but a more firm application of "legal methods" in the meantime would do no harm.

THE WEATHER.

ALBION PARK, Tuesday.

A heavy thunderstorm passed over the district last night, 42 points of rain falling in a very short time.

ARALUEN, Tuesday.

A thunderstorm occurred last night; only five points of rain fell. Sluicing has been stopped for scarcity of water for washing.

ARMIDALE, Tuesday.

Ninety-two points of rain have fallen.

BATHURST, Tuesday.

A welcome shower of rain fell this afternoon, lasting about half an hour, when 24 points were registered. The manager of the Model Farm reports that owing to the continued dry weather the sowing of seasonable crops cannot be commenced, although a large area has been ploughed. On the irrigation area most of the crops are yielding abundantly.

BEECROFT, Tuesday.

A thunderstorm, with rain, occurred this morning.

BLACKHEATH, Tuesday.

A thunderstorm occurred yesterday afternoon, and rain continued for some time after, when a fair quantity fell.

BEGA, Tuesday.

Last night 10 points of rain fell

BOURKE, Tuesday.

A thunderstorm occurred here last night. The lightning was very fierce, and the claps of thunder were heavy. The rain was very limited, only a few drops falling. A heavy duststorm followed.

BOWRAL, Tuesday.

A thunderstorm passed over to-day. Eleven points of rain fell.

CANDELO, Tuesday.

Twelve points of rain fell here up to this morning. Pasturage has gone off considerably the last few weeks. Milk yields have gone down, and the outlook for winter does not look too bright. The usual February rains have not fallen.

CORAKI, Tuesday.

A few short showers fell last night, 27 points being recorded.

CANOWINDRA, Tuesday.

A storm, accompanied by heavy thunder and lightning, occurred last night; 24 points of rain fell.

DUNGOG, Tuesday.

About noon the sky presented the appearance of a break of the drought, and shortly afterwards the storm burst. Exceedingly heavy rain fell, accompanied by terrific thunder and vivid lightning flashes. The rain continued to fall for about three hours, and about 150 points fell. The rains during last fortnight have done an incalculable amount of good to the late crops of corn at Fosterton and other places on the river. The farmers calculate better returns with the present high prices than in previous years.

GRENFELL, Tuesday.

A thunderstorm occurred yesterday evening, and 45 points of rain fell.

GUNNING, Tuesday.

Several thunderstorms occurred yesterday evening and there was a welcome fall of rain.

KIAMA, Tuesday.

About 10 o'clock last night a thunderstorm passed over this town and district, accompanied by heavy rain. The quantity of rain recorded is not yet known. A few miles out of town the rain fell in much larger quantities.

LITHGOW, Tuesday.

Twenty-one points of rain were registered this morning. Further good thundershowers fell this afternoon. Yesterday's fall was irregular in the district, some centres reporting only a few points and others up to to half an inch.

LIVERPOOL, Tuesday.

A violent thunderstorm occurred this morning in this district. In the town slight showers fell, but the rainfall is reported to have been much heavier in different parts of the district, especially at Hoxton Park.

MANILLA, Tuesday.

A few light showers fell here. In parts of the district 2in. fell.

MOLONG, Tuesday.

Splendid rain fell last night, 61 points being registered. Reports from various parts of the district state that the fall is much heavier—up to 14in.

MOSS VALE, Tuesday.

A heavy thunderstorm, accompanied with hail, has passed over the town, lasting for about 30 minutes. 1in. was registered.

MOUNT VICTORIA, Tuesday.

Another thunderstorm occurred this afternoon, accompanied by good welcome showers. Nearly an inch has fallen since yesterday afternoon, and most of the tanks, which have long been dry, are now well replenished.

MORUYA, Tuesday.

A good thundershower passed over the town last night, giving about 1in. of rain.

MUDGEE, Tuesday.

During yesterday's thunderstorm upwards of three inches of rain fell in parts of the district, bringing the creeks down bankers, and causing a fresh in the Cudgegong River. Further storms occurred this evening.

MUSWELLBROOK, Tuesday.

A nice shower fell here this morning, 37 points being registered. Fine falls are reported in the neighbouring localities. Muscle Creek, a tributary of the Hunter which divides the town, was running half a banker, showing that heavy rain was experienced a few miles distant from Muswellbrook.

NARROMINE, Tuesday.

Last night 33 points of rain fell making 65 since Sunday night. Tarran got 240, Narwonah 130, Mungeribar 82.

PAMBULA, Tuesday.

A few points of light rain fell last night.

PARKES, Tuesday

Another thunderstorm passed over last night; 33 points of rain fell.

PEAK HILL, Tuesday.

A thunderstorm occurred last evening and 8 points of rain fell. In places in the district on Sunday night up to 4in. fell, causing a fresh in the Bogan River, which was a banker here yesterday.

QUEANBEYAN, Tuesday.

There was a splendid fall of rain at Guinniderra and Michelago yesterday.

ROCKLEY, Tuesday.

A thunderstorm occurred yesterday; 5 points of rain fell.

SOFALA, Tuesday.

This morning 50 points of rain fell.

TOORAWEENAH, Tuesday.

On Monday afternoon 34 points of rain fell, extinguishing the bush fires on the surrounding ranges.

WALLERAWANG, Tuesday.

A thunderstorm passed over last evening. Half an inch of rain fell.

WELLINGTON, Tuesday.

The long spell of dry weather was broken on Sunday night, when a heavy thunderstorm occurred. In parts of the district the rainfall was from 5in. to 9in. Last night there was another thunderstorm. In the town 33 points were registered.

WOLLONGONG, Tuesday.

Last night a most welcome thunderstorm broke over a great part of the northern portion of the Illawarra district. At first the rain fell lightly, but very soon increased to a veritable downpour, accompanied by vivid lightning and crashing thunder. In little more than half an hour 83 points of rain fell at Wollongong, that being about the average nearly all over the district.

WEST WYALONG, Tuesday.

Yesterday 16 points of rain fell here. At Deeble's Tank, two miles out, 54 points fell.

WYONG, Tuesday.

A terrific storm, accompanied by lightning and thunder, passed over here early this morning, 1in. of rain being recorded. The flashes of lightning were very vivid. Two trees about one mile from the town on the Wyong-Ourumbah road were struck, the bark and splinters being strewn over the road.

YASS, Tuesday.

Very vivid lightning was to be seen from the town last night, but no rain fell in Yass. Near Bowning the lightning lit a fire, which spread very rapidly for a time, but was put out before any damage was done.

YOUNG, Tuesday.

A heavy and long-continued thunderstorm occurred last evening. Only slight rain fell, eight points being recorded at Young, but the fall was much heavier to the north and south.

PRESBYTERIAN GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF AUSTRALIA.

NOMINATION OF MODERATOR.

At the meeting of the Presbytery of Sydney last night, the Rev. J. Ferguson (Moderator) presiding, the Rev. Dr. T. E. Clouston moved that the Presbytery nominate for the position of Moderator of the General Ass

THE BEST AND THE SECOND-BEST IN LITERATURE.

(From the "Spectator.")

The well-known French proverb which declares that le mieux est l'ennemi du bien appears to be revered in the minds of many critics of contemporary English literature. They seem to hold that the good which we slightlingly call talent is, if not directly hostile, at least unfavourable to the appearance of that still better thing which—without being able to define it—we all agree to call genius, and they rather lament the existence of so many excellent writers of the second rank as we possess at present on the score that there is no sign of a man of genius to dominate them. In the January number of "Longman's Magazine" Mr. Andrew Lang defends himself against a critic who has scouted him of "striving to close with his strait snout the mouth of this unworthy generation." Mr. Lang is too richly endowed by nature with a sense of humour to hold the position of those who declare that, because we have a great number of excellent writers of the second rank, we are less likely to see the arrival of writers of genius. But there are some critics who seem to commit themselves to such a position in the course of their pessimistic remarks on contemporary literature. Mr. Frederick Harrison, whose words are always heard with respect and admiration by readers of taste, went as far as that many years ago, when he throng of reasonably good writers was not so thick as it is to-day, and there were still some men of genius to diversify it. We may still agree with him to "listen with mixed satisfaction to the paeans that they chant over the works which issue from the press each day; how the books poured forth from Paternoster Row might in a few years be built into a pyramid that would fill the dome of St. Paul's." We believe that in the sixteen years which have elapsed since Mr. Harrison wrote this the statistics have steadily increased; even the war, which was expected to bring a diminution of the flood of new books, has but tended to fatten the "military expert" at the expense of the pot-boiling novelist. It is still true that the constant influx of new and remarkable books leaves less and less time for the perusal of old favourites. "We read nowadays in the market-places—I would say rather in some large steam factory of letterpress, where damp sheets of new print whirl round us perpetually—if it be not rather some noisy book fair where literary clowns tempt us with performing dolls, and the gangs of rival booths are stunning our ears from morn till night." But it is not all trash that is being thrust upon our notice. By common consent there are more really good books being written at the present day in England than was the case ever before, even in the Elizabethan age; of course we do not mean to say that their total value is greater, for no scales have yet been invented which will weigh talent against genius, or tell how many novels by Mr. Norris or volumes of history by Mr. Gardiner would equal a play of Shakespeare, a lyric by Burns, or a chapter of Gibbon.

Those readers who are accustomed to hear the critic pronounce that this is an age of inferior literature, and that the literary plain is desolate from Dan to Beersheba, may hesitate for a moment to admit the truth of this assertion. Yet we think that a little consideration will change their opinion. Wherever we look it is impossible to deny the high level of accomplishment which our writers have attained. That it is not universally recognised is perhaps due to its very abundance, producing a kind of mental dyspepsia in the reader, whose perceptions are further dulled by the hashish of the novelists and the blaring of the daily papers. We need only compare the average English book of to-day with that of the last two or three generations. As a rule, we make the comparison with the great books which alone have survived. We compare Mr. Kipling and Mr. Wells with Thackeray and Scott, Mr. Yeats and Mr. Henley with Wordsworth and Tennyson, Mr. Gardiner and Mr. Lecky with Gibbon and Carlyle. But any one who spends an hour or two at the shelves of a library well furnished with the forgotten books of the nineteenth century, once held in high esteem by their contemporaries, will admit the truth of our optimism. Let us take the department which is often allowed to usurp the whole name of literature—fiction and poetry—as an instance. We have no Thackeray or Scott or Dickens, and Mr. Lang is entitled to that extent to maintain his preference for the novels written before 1860, to those published since. But if we think of the best men or so of our living novelists—Mr. Meredith, for instance, is hors concours—we are inclined to challenge any one to produce their equal from a year or two of the nineteenth century, but first-rate novels. What earlier generation could show a novel fiction equal to the work of Mr. Kipling, Mr. Wells, Mr. Barrie, Miss Barlow, Mr. Anthony Hope, Mr. Hichens, Mr. Zangwill, Mr. Conrad, Mr. Jacobs, Mr. E. F. Benson, Mr. Capes, Mrs. Clifford, Miss Mary Coleridge, Mr. Barlow, Miss Martin and Miss Somerville?—we might extend this list to four or five times its length without notably falling below the standard of good second-rate work that has been indicated. In poetry, again, we have as great writer; but we have sixty or seventy minor poets who would all have got into the collection of Chalmers if they had had the luck to be born a hundred and fifty years earlier. We do not think that Mr. Yeates or Mr. Dobson or Mr. Lang, Mr. Bridges or Mr. Henley, is as great a poet as Goldsmith or Gray; but each of them has written poems that would strike us as forcibly as the "Elegy in a Country Churchyard" or "The Traveller" if we came on them in the midst of such a waste of prose as that of the age which considered Mason a poet and was amazed by Chatterton. To go further into the consideration of our minor poets would trench too much on the preserves of Mr. William Archer and the late Mr. Traill, but we have said enough to make out our point. In other departments of literature the case is the same. Matthew Arnold used to complain, with great truth, of the miserable way in which the "journeyman-work" of literature, such as translation and newspaper work, was done in this country. Nowadays skill and conscience are brought to both tasks. We need only refer to such translations as that of Balzac which Mr. Saintsbury edited, or Dr. Rendall's "Marcus Aurelius," or Mr. Frazer's "Pausanias," to show how great a change has taken place. The reader of mature years need only ask himself how great an effect such an article as that which the "Times" published the other day from its correspondent in Morocco would have produced thirty or forty years ago, to see, when he remembers how much a matter of course such admirable writing now seems, what an advance we have indeed made in the profession of the power to write well.

It remains to consider whether the great increase in literary ability of the second order is a good thing. Our first instinct is to say unhesitatingly "Yes." Since reading is practically universal among the rising generation, it is surely well that the greatest possible quantity of good sound work should be given them to read. Those who deplore the increase of second-rate literature are apt to think that the choice for the young reader lies between Mr. Hope and Milton, and that if "The Prisoner of Zenda" were not so good, "Paradise Lost" would have a better chance. Undoubtedly that would be a strong argument against Mr. Hope; but as a matter of fact the choice is between a novel by Mr. Hope or Mr. Wells, or Mr. Kipling, and the latest sensational or "hasty" paper that gives a horrible murder and a illustration" for a penny. There is no question of Milton in the first place, but we think that Mr. Hope is, on the whole, more likely to lead his readers on to Milton. Even if he does not, good, wholesome writing is always better than the bad, sensational, and often noxious stuff which was so much more prevalent from the days when Sir Anthony Absolute banned the circulating library down to the last generation, but which is now almost killed by the greater popularity which—in the ultimate decency of things—attends on the better writers who now sell such good stories. We do not see how any one can seriously contend that an increasing percentage of good second-rate literary work can be harmful, but there is a good deal of cant still to be cleared out of some critics' minds on that subject. The other reason given for the dislike of this dead level of excellence is that it is likely to hinder the efflorescence of works of genius. This appears to rest on the curious theory that a man of genius will tend to assimilate his work to that of the majority; but the usual practice of men of genius is just the reverse. At the present moment the only novelist to whom the term "genius" might be applied without obvious absurdity is just the one whose work differs most distinctly from that of all his contemporaries, and owes least to the taste prevailing when he began to write. Experience shows, furthermore, that great writers have appeared most freely—so far as there can be any classification of times and seasons—in the midst of a general literary movement of considerable excellence. The most striking instance of all is that of Shakespeare, who, as Hazlitt finely said, "overlooks and commands the admiration of posterity, but he does it from the table-land of the age in which he lived." Coleridge, again, wrote in much the vein of the critics whom we are withstanding at the moment when Keats and Shelley, Byron and Wordsworth, and Coleridge himself were irradiating the age with the finest poetical constellation that has appeared in our skies since Elizabethan days. "Language," he said, "mechanised as it were into a barrel-organ, supplies at once both instruments and tune. Thus, even the deaf may play so as to delight the many." We are disposed to think, with Mr. Lang, that no rules can be laid down for the appearance of writers of genius. The wind bloweth where it listeth—and de gustibus non est disputandum. But to assume that the general abundance of writers of talent is a hindrance to the appearance of geniuses is about as wise as to say that, because most women in France can cook, it must be peculiarly hard to get a supremely meritorious dinner in Paris.

DEPUTATIONS.

AN OVERHEAD BRIDGE WANTED.

A deputation representing the Paddington Municipal Council, was introduced to the Railway Commissioners by Mr. C. W. Oakes, M.L.A., yesterday, by him that a subway or overbridge should be constructed in Oxford-street at Elizabeth-street. In support of the request it was pointed out that the Public school on the opposite side of Oxford-street to Elizabeth-street, had an average attendance of 1500 scholars, about 1200 or 1300 of whom lived in the neighbourhood on the opposite side of Oxford-street. The crossing of this large number of children going to and from school was attended with considerable danger from trams and other vehicles; and as it was represented that on the introduction of the electric system there would be a much larger number of trams, the danger would be accentuated.

In reply the Commissioners said it was a very novel request to make to them that they should provide subways or overbridges in the public streets through which the trams run. If they were to accede to the present request it would be difficult to refuse similar applications in regard to hundreds of other places similarly situated, and the cost of them would be an enormous tax upon the capital and revenue of the tramways. Although in regard to the railways the Commissioners had in a number of places provided bridges and subways, their experience was that people did not use them, and would not use them. However, the Commissioners would take an opportunity of inspecting the spot indicated, and, if necessary, probably some other means could be found to minimise the danger than by constructing a subway or erecting an overbridge.

THE TAMWORTH AND ARMIDALE LINE.

Mr. Lonsdale, M.L.A., waited upon the Railway Commissioners yesterday, on behalf of the Armidale Chamber of Commerce, to ask that an improved train service might be given between Tamworth and Armidale. It was desired that the day train should be extended from Tamworth to Armidale. As an alternative it was suggested that the goods trains might be rearranged in such a way as to give them a midday service. As a further suggestion was made that, in an experiment, the Commissioners should run a day train once a week between Tamworth and Armidale. After discussion the Commissioners intimated that the question of the extension of the day train had already been considered, and it was found not to be practicable; but the whole question should receive full consideration to see whether in any way the request could be met.

CIVIL SERVICE PENSIONS.

A deputation of Civil servants, headed by Mr. T. J. Halloran, waited upon the Attorney-General yesterday to discuss with him their position in connection with the Superannuation Fund. The members of the deputation stated that they had been informed that, being at the time temporary officers, they could not claim the benefit of the fund, and also that "broken time" in the service did not count. A recent decision of the Full Court, however, was in their favour. It was now asked that those officers who so desired should be allowed to rejoin the fund. There were many cases where it would be to their advantage to do this, although in other instances it might not pay them to adopt this course.

Mr. Wise said that the matter was an important one, but he could make no promise. He would like to be informed how many officers would be likely to take advantage of the offer to rejoin the fund if they were allowed. He quite agreed that, if any of them had left off contributing under a misapprehension, they ought to be allowed to come back. In any event each case would have to stand upon its own merits. He did not think that he could advise the Government to adopt any general rule, because it might be taken advantage of by those who had no real claim. Any special case of hardship, however, which came within the recent decision of the Court should be dealt with, and he asked that particulars of such cases should be forwarded to him for consideration.

DEPUTATION TO THE MINISTER FOR WORKS.

TIP CARTERS' WAGES.

Messrs. A. Cameron and T. H. Thrower (president and secretary of the Sydney Labour Council) waited upon the Minister for Works (Mr. E. W. O'Sullivan) yesterday and urged upon him the advisability of increasing the pay of the tip carters employed on the Wee Waa railway works. Both members of the deputation explained the position of affairs at length.

Mr. O'Sullivan, in reply, said the tip carters employed at the Wee Waa works and within a distance of 10 miles should be paid at the rate of 11s per day, and outside that boundary 11s 6d per day.

THE ZENANA MISSIONS.

WORK AT MOZAFFERPORE.

ARRIVAL OF MISS HORTON.

By the steamer Eurvalus, which arrived in Sydney on Monday, Miss Horton, of the Zenana Mission at Mozafferpore, India, was a passenger.

Miss Horton is a sister to the Rev. Dr. R. F. Horton, the well-known minister of the Hampstead Congregational Church, London, and is taking a round tour on the Eurvalus for the benefit of her health. She was seen by a "Herald" reporter shortly after her arrival, and in a chatty manner conveyed a fund of information respecting the work of Zenana missions in Mozafferpore. She said her present visit to the mission field was the third she had made, and up to the time of her recent illness she had been engaged in the work for a period of three years. She was the only European woman engaged in Zenana missions in the place, and was not attached to any missionary organisation. She had a desire for the work, and her brother (Rev. Dr. Horton) supported her in her efforts. She employed a native teacher to assist in the work. Speaking of the class of residents at Mozafferpore, she said the men were mostly educated and of the professional class; many of them were pleaders (lawyers), doctors, or civil servants. The influence of Christian teaching was noticeable in many of the native homes; the men, as they became educated, were more susceptible to reason, and although they did not openly profess Christianity, they tacitly gave evidence of their disbelief in their former superstitions. Miss Horton will continue her journey in the Eurvalus as far as Rockhampton, thence to Calcutta, leaving Sydney about March 25.

THE NEW GOVERNOR OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

The London "Times," in announcing the appointment of Vice-Admiral Sir Harry Holdsworth Rawson, K.C.B., as Governor of the State of New South Wales, wrote:—

"The appointment of Vice-Admiral Sir Harry Rawson to the Governorship of the State of New South Wales, while indicating, as might appear, a somewhat novel departure in the selection of the Governors of the Australian States, must be considered significant of the importance which is now attached to questions concerned with the administration and organisation of the naval and military forces of the colonies in their relation to Imperial defence. Following as it does upon the selection of Sir George Clarke and Sir Herbert Chermside to be the Governors of the States of Victoria and Queensland respectively, this appointment of a naval officer of the distinguished rank and honourable service of Sir Harry Rawson seems to point to a desire on the part of the Imperial Government to provide the Governor-General with a council or board of advice upon matters concerned with the army and navy which shall have unquestioned authority and weight. Rejected in the first instance, the appointment will, we feel sure, be considered most satisfactory, both in Australia and at home, since Sir Harry Rawson stands in the first rank of his profession, and his experience is vast and varied. From another point of view the appointment should be welcomed, for the vice-admiral is one of the most popular of naval officers."

The writer of an article on "Forks" in the Christmas Eve issue of the "Westminster Gazette" stated that it was not until the early part of the nineteenth century that four-pronged forks became part of the ordinary furniture of a middle-class household. Lovers of "Cranford" will remember the dilemma in which Miss Matty was once placed on the occasion of her visit to the old literary farmer whose household arrangements were even then behind the times:—"When the ducks and green peas came we looked at each other in dismay; we had only two-pronged, black-handled forks. It is true the steel was as bright as silver; but what were we to do? Miss Matty picked up her peas one by one on the point of the prongs much as Amine ate her grains of rice after her previous feast with the Ghoul. Miss Pole sighed over her delicate young peas as she left them by the side of her plate untasted, for they would drop between the prongs. I, the stout woman of the party, gave wholesale into his capacious mouth, shovelled up by his large round-ended knife. I saw, I imitated, I survived."

Cotton piece goods form a very important item in the imports of Shanghai. During the year 1901 grey plain shirtings were imported to the value of £8,784,307, and white plain shirtings to the value of £198,943. The following are very significant items:—English drills, £61,652; American drills, £370,349; English sheetings, £286,413; American sheetings, £247,228. Cotton yarns: English, £30,341; Indian, £1,214,582; Japanese, £1,246,082. America, India, and Japan are all becoming competitors with Britain for trade, of which the latter had formerly a practical monopoly.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY HOLIDAY.

FURTHER EXPLANATIONS.

The Premier yesterday gave a further explanation with regard to the public holiday on St. Patrick's Day. In addition to the proclamation relating to the County of Cumberland, Mr. See says that 33 other electorates asked for a holiday, through their representatives, and the request was duly granted. The rule in such cases was to "Gazette" a holiday when locally desired, whether it was on account of an agricultural show, or race meeting, or any special local function. In agreeing to the present holiday in the County of Cumberland he had no idea whatever of sectarianism, and he never thought for a moment that such a cry would be raised. There was certainly no truth in it, and he was sorry that it had been mentioned. Some tradesmen were against holidays of any kind; they wanted people to work every day; a few even desired to keep their premises open on the Sunday. Mr. See repeated what he had previously stated about the observing of the holiday being a matter of taste, and he added that he was trying to obtain reports from the other States with the view of seeing what was being done there. Mr. See added that his attention had been drawn to the fact that both in 1900 and 1901 the "S. M. Herald" in its leading columns expressed satisfaction at the fact of St. Patrick's Day being appointed a public holiday. In the latter year, owing to the death of Queen Victoria, Anniversary Day was not observed as a holiday, and St. Patrick's Day was substituted; and with regard to this the "Herald" said that it "was a happy thought, and gracefully carried out." Yet, now the State Premier complained, the "Herald" was not in favour of the holiday.

Upon inquiry being made at the office of the Railway Commissioners yesterday a "Herald" reporter was informed that the railway trams and trams would run as usual, inasmuch as it was evident that the day would not be generally observed as a holiday, and that the shops would continue to do business. It is probable that the goods traffic will remain open. The question of paying those railway men who continue to work a two days' pay (which is usually the case with regard to proclaimed holidays) is under the consideration of the Ministers.

The Public schools in the county of Cumberland, and in the other districts where the day has been proclaimed, will be closed. In other parts of the country the schools will be open as usual.

The Minister for Labour says that the breadcarters will be specially affected by the holiday. It is provided in the Early Closing Act that carters in the employ of bakers of bread shall have a whole day's holiday on the third Wednesday in each month, but if a public holiday comes within the week they take that day instead. The breadcarters will, therefore, celebrate their holiday on St. Patrick's day.

[The "Herald" supported the public holiday in 1900 on the grounds of the Queen's recent honour to Ireland and the gallantry of the Irish regiments at the front. The next year as stated the day was not an addition to, but in substitution for a public holiday. What we now, with the community, protest against is the passing of the day into a set holiday to be annually observed in addition to all others.—Ed. "S.M.H."]

ST. PATRICK'S DAY AND THE COURT BUSINESS.

Mr. Justice Stephen, upon taking his seat in the Banco Court yesterday, said he had to announce that the Judges had been in consultation that morning and had come to the conclusion that considering the state of the work it was not desirable to close the Courts on Monday next. The hearing of causes was now proceeding, and the parties expected their cases to be tried. Witnesses were also in attendance day by day, and on the whole the Judges thought it better to sit on Monday.

Mr. Reid: May I respectfully say that everyone concerned in the business of the courts will hail the announcement with considerable satisfaction?

His Honor said that personally he would like a holiday, but the business of the Court would not permit of it. He might observe that St. Patrick's Day had never been a holiday in the law calendar. He believed that last year was the first time upon which the day was proclaimed a holiday by the Government, and on that occasion the Court did not sit, but it had never been a holiday provided for at the commencement of the year. It had come upon them to a certain extent unexpectedly.

MEETING OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE.

MR. BARTON'S ACTION CRITICISED.

A meeting of the St. Patrick's Day general committee was held at St. Mary's Presbytery last evening. Archbishop Kelly presided. A discussion took place on the action of Mr. Barton in declining to recognise the holiday proclaimed by the State Government of New South Wales on St. Patrick's Day. It was resolved, on the motion of Mr. M. Meagher, that the following telegram be sent to Mr. Barton, Federal Premier:—"That this meeting protests against the action of the Federal Premier in refusing to recognise the public holiday proclaimed by the State Government for Monday next (St. Patrick's Day). This is the first occasion on which the Federal Government has refused to recognise a public holiday proclaimed by a State Government." The telegram was subsequently sent to the Federal Premier.

PROTEST FROM THE STOCK EXCHANGE.

REPLY FROM THE FEDERAL PREMIER.

The following correspondence has been handed to us for publication:—

"Telegram to the Premier Commonwealth of Australia, Melbourne. Sir,—The State Government has proclaimed Monday, 17th instant, a public holiday. The Stock Exchange and the majority of business houses decline to observe the same. In our opinion it is extremely unadvisable and detrimental to general interests that the post and telegraph offices should be closed on that day.—(Signed) Felix Randle, chairman Sydney Stock Exchange."

The following letter was sent after the telegram:—"I have the honour to inform you that by direction of my committee I despatched to you to-day a telegram (copy of which is attached) drawing your attention to the undesirableness in the public interest of your Government sanctioning the closing of the postal and telegraph offices on March 17 instant, which day has been proclaimed as a public holiday by the Government of this State. As you have doubtless been informed the multiplicity of compulsory holidays is exercising a most pernicious influence over the people, creating, as they do, a diminution of earning power, promoting unthrift, and directly encouraging idleness among the masses. We therefore look to the central Government to discourage the growing tendency to create an unnecessary number of idle days, and with this object in view have sent you the above telegram in the earnest hope that your action in the desired direction will avert the evil complained of.—I have, &c., Felix Randle, chairman of the Sydney Stock Exchange."

The following telegram was received in reply:—

"Public Offices, Melbourne. The Prime Minister has approved of Federal Departments being kept open on Monday next. The officers engaged in these departments desirous of attending the celebration held in honour of the day will, subject to public convenience not being interfered with, have applications for leave of absence approved by the Deputy Postmaster-General or Collector of Customs, as the case may be.—Alice Hunt, Secretary Department External Affairs."

PROTEST OF THE AUSTRALIAN PROTESTANT DEFENCE ASSOCIATION.

The council of the Australian Protestant Defence Association unanimously resolved at a meeting held on Monday evening to forward a protest to the Premier and members of the Government against their action in proposing St. Patrick's Day as a public holiday. The grounds on which the protest is based are, (1) the interruption of business through the closing of the banks and public offices; (2) their injustice of taxing three-fourths of the community in order to gratify the sentiment of a small minority; (3) the sectarian bitterness which such action must lead to in the demand for the proclamation of other days, such as July 12, St. George's, St. Andrew's, and St. David's days. The protest is signed by Dr. Dill Macky, president, and W. M. Mashwick, secretary.

POST OFFICES TO REMAIN OPEN.

The postal authorities notify that on Monday next, March 17, St. Patrick's Day, business will be conducted as usual in all post-offices throughout the State.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

The Sydney Chamber of Commerce has received in reply to telegrams to the Premier of the Commonwealth a similar reply to that sent to the chairman of the Sydney Stock Exchange.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In March last was adopted, re proclamation of St. Patrick's Day as a public holiday, the following resolution:—"This Evangelical Council protests against the action of the Government in making the 18th instant a public holiday, regarding St. Patrick's Day, and especially the manner of its celebration, as a denominational festival rather than a national celebration." On behalf of the council we most emphatically protest against Monday next being proclaimed as a public holiday.

We would strongly object to any denominational holidays being proclaimed by Government. Besides the present number of holidays is, we think, sufficient.

We are glad to note that a large number of employers and employees object to the 18th instant being proclaimed as a public holiday. The Methodist Conference at its representative sitting yesterday passed a strongly worded resolution condemning the action of the Government in this matter.

We are convinced that this act of the Government will seriously inconvenience and annoy the great majority of the citizens. We are, &c.

W. G. TAYLOR, President.
E. PRICE } Hon. Secs.
F. COLWELL }

March 11, Evangelical Council, N.S.W.

The entries for the sports on St. Patrick's Day are reported to be the most numerous on record. The banquet tickets already disposed of exceed those of any previous year, and the enthusiasm manifested in regard to the concert promises to result in a house more packed than usual. As announced in our advertising columns, the box plan opens this morning at Paling's at 10 o'clock.

AGRICULTURAL SHOWS.

GLEN INNES.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

GLEN INNES, Tuesday.

Threatening weather greeted the opening of the first day of the show. After lunch a heavy thunderstorm came up and the rain lasted nearly for the rest of the day. The entries this year are a record. This is no doubt due to the good seasons experienced in this part of the New England district. Good improvements have been added to the show, and all the four pavilions were filled. The agricultural hall has all of its space occupied. The grand champion in the parish competition brought in six very fine trophies. The fruit exhibits and fruit trophies are very good, and so are all the agricultural products. The sheep exhibits are large, and a record for quality and quantity. The cattle are fairly good and the fats are excellent. The horses are good but the bulk will not be judged until to-morrow. The poultry pavilion is fully occupied, and the quality of exhibits is fairly good. The attendance was fair, but the day was set apart solely for judging, and a few jumping events for the afternoon. The town is crowded with visitors, including many from Queensland, and accommodation is at a premium. Awards:—

Cattle.—Shorthorn bull, 3 years and over: A. M. White. Bull under 3 years: J. Bishop, 1; J. Osborne, 2. Cow 3 years and over: J. Moore and Co., 1; Edward White, 2. Heifer under 3 years: J. Bishop, 1. Edward White, 2. Polled Angus bull: T. Cresacie, 1; executors of A. M'Intosh, 2. Cow: Executors of A. M'Intosh, 1; Mrs. Gore, 2. Jersey bull, 3 years and over: W. H. Lamb, 1; C. Blowsome, 2. Bull under 3 years: F. Donnelly, 1; W. F. Ogilvie, 2. Cow 3 years and over: D. M'Gregor, 1; W. H. Lamb, 2. Ayrshires: J. F. Chaffey, all prizes. Fat ox: A. M. White, 1 and 2. Pen of three oxen: A. M. White, Mrs. Gore, 2. Cow: J. Bishop, 1; Kendall Brothers, 2. Pen of three steers: Mrs. Gore, 1; T. Healy, 2. Farmers' Cattle—Shorthorn bull, 3 years and over: J. H. Davidson, 1; T. Healy, 2. Cow, 3 years and over, and heifer under 3 years: T. Cassady, 1 and 2. Hereford bull: J. Moore and Co., all prizes. Devon bull: Kempton Brothers. Cow and heifer: J. Moore and Co., 1 and 2. Pen of three dairy cows: Haymarket Dairy Company, 1; E. Sergeant, 2. Champion dairy bull: J. Osborne. Champion dairy cow: J. F. Chaffey. Farmers' fat ox: W. Hodges. Fat cow: J. Duncan, 1 and 2.

Sheep.—Merinos—Horned fine-wool ram, 2 years and over: A. A. Dangar, 1 and 2. Ram, 1 year: A. A. Dangar, 1. R. W. and C. E. White, 2. Ewe, 2 years and over: R. W. and C. E. White, 1; A. A. Dangar, 2. Ewe, 1 year: R. W. and C. E. White, 1 and 2. Two ewe lambs: R. W. and C. E. White, 1; A. A. Dangar, 2. Unhoused, strong wool—two rams, 1 year: B. Haydon, 1 and 2. Two ram lambs: B. Haydon, 1. W. T. Cadell, 2. Ewe, 2 years and over: B. Haydon, 1; R. W. and C. E. White, 2. Two ewes, 1 year: W. T. Cadell, 1; B. Haydon, 2. Two ewe lambs: W. T. Cadell, Bred in New England—unhoused strong wool ram, 2 years and over: A. A. Dangar, 1. W. T. Cadell. Pen of two ewes, two ewe lambs: W. T. Cadell. Fine wool rain: A. A. Dangar. Ewe: A. A. Dangar. Farmers' merino ram, any age: T. Mullins. Two ram lambs: R. O'Hara, 1; P. Mullins, 2. Two ewes, any age: R. O'Hara, 1; P. Mullins, 2. Two ewe lambs: R. O'Hara, 1; P. Mullins, 2. Lincoln ram, any age: A. F. Ross, 1 and 2. Two rams, 1 year: J. F. Chaffey. Ewe, any age: A. F. Ross, 1 and 2. Ewe, 1 year: A. F. Ross, 1; J. F. Chaffey, 2. Two ram lambs: A. F. Ross, 1; J. F. Chaffey, 2. Two ewe lambs: J. F. Chaffey, 1 and 2. Two Romney Marsh ewes: L. W. Sebon, 1 and 2. Pen sheep—Five merino wethers, fine wool: W. T. Cadell. Five crossbred wethers: A. F. Whitel. Five merino ewes: W. T. Cadell. Five crossbred ewes: Campbell Brothers. Five merino lambs: W. T. Cadell. Five crossbred lambs: W. Lindsay.

Pigs.—Berkshire boar and sow: E. M'Kinnon. Boar, other breed: Haymarket Land Company. Sow, other breed: W. Hodges.

Agricultural Produce.—Red wheat: T. Smith, 64lb. Champion wheat: H. Fakes, 1 and 2. 67lb. and 66lb. Cape barley: H. Fakes, 1; J. Wetherspoon, 2. Potato oats: A. M'Alpine, 1; A. M'Alister, 2. Tartarian oats: C. Cook, 1; J. Hutchinson, 2. Algerian oats: J. Hutchinson, 1; J. Wetherspoon, 2. Maize in ear: J. Pedach, 1; W. Bradley, 2. Threshed maize: W. Bradley, 1; A. Hutton, 2. Oaten chaff: George Smith, 1; H. Fakes, 2. Wheaten chaff: A. A. M'Alister, 1; J. Logue, 2. Green hay: J. Hutchinson, 1; W. Rankin, 2. Bacon: North Coast Co-operative Company, 1; Brooklet Dairy Company, 2. Table butter: C. Cameron, 1; W. Rankin, 2. Bacon: North Coast Co-operative Company. Hams: North Coast Company.

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"Sylvan" contributes to this week's "Sydney Mail" has third interesting illustrated article on "Land Settlement in Queensland."—Advt.

In the Southern Highlands, A Cow with Three Calves, New Cave at Jenolan, Goulburn Railway Ambulance Corps and Rifle Club, and Numerous Photographs of Men of Interest are a few of the illustrations appearing in this week's "Sydney Mail."—Advt.

QUEANBEYAN.

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The eleventh annual show of the Queanbeyan Pastoral and Agricultural Association was opened today. The attendance was about 200. There were fair exhibits of horses, cattle, and sheep. The fruit and farm and dairy produce were exceptionally fine considering the unfavourable season. Awards:—

Poultry.—Plymouth Rocks: Miss Darr. Game—cock and hen: J. Fagan. Turkey ditto: W. M'Donagh. Geese: W. D. M'Donagh. Drake and duck: W. M'Donagh. Aylesbury ditto: M'Donagh. White Leghorns: M'Donagh. Brown ditto: M'Donagh. Cuop or companion fowls: L. E. Southwell. Orpington, cock and hen: Miss Willan. Langshan: M'Donagh. Wyandotte, silver: Miss Willans. Minorca: M'Donagh. Gold penciled Wyandottes: G. L. Falconer. Pair of pigeons: L. E. Southwell.

Farm Produce.—White wheat: P. Shumack. Any other variety: R. J. Hall. Potatoes: W. Sullivan. Early potatoes for seed: John Southwell. John Fitzgerald. White onions: W. Sullivan. Cape barley: W. Sullivan. Maize: John Southwell, 1; W. Butts and W. Sullivan, 2. Oaten hay: R. J. Hatch, 1; J. Read, 2. Wheaten hay: J. Read. Oaten chaff: J. Read, 1; R. J. Hatch, 2. Lucerne hay: W. Sullivan.

Dairy Produce.—Pitch of bacon: John Fitzgerald. Fresh butter: Mrs. J. M'Intosh and Mrs. R. Graham divided. Salt butter: J. Fitzgerald and R. Graham. Miscellaneous.—Home-made bread: Mrs. C. Smith. Yeast bread: E. Mayo and W. Smith divided. Collection of home-made jams: Mrs. C. O'Hanlon, 1; Mrs. M. F. Deagan, 2. Strained honey, honey in comb, and beeswax: W. Clemesha. Rives of working bees: W. Clemesha. Loaf of baker's bread: J. T. Collett, 1; J. M. Colsby, 2. Scones: Mrs. James O'Neill. Sponge sandwich: Illegible. Fruit: Miss E. Cook. Collection of home-made cakes: Mrs. J. Monk. Neatsfoot oil: Mrs. J. A. Falconer. Rose-cleaned set of harness: J. Byrne.

Garden Produce.—Carrots, parsnips, and beetroot: H. Haydon, 1; Richard O. Dudley. Pumpkins: John Southwell. Collection of vegetables and marrows: L. Southwell. Tomatoes: H. F. Downey. Spanish onions: H. F. Downey. Preserving onions: L. Southwell.

Fruit.—Cooking pears: Mrs. W. M'Innes. Collection of table apples: J. Darmody. Cooking apples: G. Hooper. Quinces: W. Sullivan. Grapes: D. Daniels. Peaches: C. J. Wren. Collection of fruit: C. J. Hooper.

Flowers.—Pot plants: C. J. Wren. Wild flowers: M. Downey.

Plain and Fancy Work.—Collection of six varieties of fancy work: Miss L. E. Pearson. Gentleman's white shirt, fine linen: Mrs. C. Byrne. Ironed white shirt: Miss N. Feagan. Suit of pyjamas: Mrs. A. W. Moriarty. Nightdress, home made: Miss Parr. Pair of knitted socks: E. Pritchard. Darned socks: Mrs. A. W. Moriarty. Boys' patched suit: Mrs. C. Burn. Collection of home-made woollen goods: Mrs. E. Graham. Dressed doll: Miss F. Pike. Buttonholes in clothes, flannel: Mrs. C. Burn. Crochet work: Miss C. Lazarus. Crochet work, cotton: Miss L. Harrison. Miss Gore, 2. Miss G. Wilson. Pen-and-ink sketch: B. Dudley. Collection of pictures: Miss Harrison. Crayon drawings: Miss Cadden. Schoolwork—Exercise-book, by boy: L. Gillespie. Exercise-book, by girl: L. Robertson. Exercise-book, girl under 11 years: F. Macnamara. Copy-book, boy under 14: L. Gillespie. Copy-book, girl under 14: L. Robertson. Specimen of handwriting, boy under 14: L. Richardson. Ditto, girl: L. Robertson. Pencil drawing, boy under 13: B. Dudley. Ditto, girl under 13: M. Cadden. Pen-and-ink sketch, boy under 14: B. Dudley. Ditto, girl under 14: C. Tansley. Map of Australia, boy under 14: Cyril Southwell. Ditto, by girl under 14: F. Macnamara. Hand-made chemise, girl under 14: Miss Knox. Hand-made nightdress, girl under 16: Miss Richardson. Hand-made flannelette shirt, girl under 16: E. Donnelly. Pencil drawing, three birds: B. Dudley. Pencil drawing, lion: B. Dudley.

Single buggy: A. H. Nolan. Sulky: A. Dean, 1; A. H. Nolan, 2. Set of double buggy harness: H. J. Hungerford. Single buggy harness: Mrs. J. Orsell. Gentleman's saddle and bridle: W. Brook. Stock saddle and bridle: W. Brook. Collection of tanned furskins: John Mayo. Self-closing fastening farm gate: George Hatch.

BANGALOW SHOW.

LISMORE, Tuesday.

The Bangalow Show was opened to-day. The weather was good. The country is looking splendid, and the stock for the most part are in fine condition. The attendance was very good for the opening day, about 800 persons being present. Mr. Meagher, M.L.A. for the Tweed, being amongst the visitors. Adjacent districts were also well represented. Gate receipts totalled £27. The show consisted mainly of dairy cattle and horses. Of the former, fully 500 were yarded, comprising Jerseys, Ayrshires, and ordinary dairy stock. The judging was not completed till a late hour. Principal prizes were awarded as follows:—

Champion bull: Dixon Cooke's Perfection, 1; Johnston Brothers' Reserve, 2. Champion cow: J. H. Young, 1; Johnstone Brothers, 2. Reserve bull and progeny: Gould O'Connor. Pen of cows in milk: W. C. Gray, 1; Kirkland, 2; D. Cooke, 3. For Jerseys: H. O'Meara took almost the whole of the prizes, winning the aged bull and two years old bull, calf, cow, and heifer. Ayrshires.—Bull: F. Reading, 1; H. Livingstone, 2. Bull, 2 years, and bull calf: Livingstone. Cow in milk: Livingstone. Cow, dry: H. O'Meara. Heifer: Tyson. Heifer, 1 year: F. Walker. Calf: Livingstone. Principal winners in dairy cattle classes were:—S. Cooke, G. O'Connor, W. H. Gray, D. Cooke, Kirkland, F. King, Johnston Brothers, Parish, and J. James.

Draught working horses: The classes were well filled and good competition resulted. Blood stock classes were weak. Awards were:—Blood stallions: Mait's Lord Loch Stallion for roncontre: Coughlan's Truant. Coarbing stallion: Latchem's Valley Lad. Hackneys and light harness horses will be judged to-morrow.

Pigs made a good show. Awards were:—Berkshire boar: Frederick's Button and champion. Sow: G. Belson. Yorkshire boar, also sow: H. M. Livingstone, and champion for the latter. Tamworth boar: T. Ferguson. Four fat pigs suitable for bacon: D. Cameron.

In the dogs and poultry sections there was very little competition. The agricultural classes were also weak. Prizes were taken by D. Cameron, J. King, G. Belson, E. Smiths, G. Johnston, D. Navin, A. Powell.

Dairy Produce.—Creamery butter: North Coast Co-operative Company, Byron Bay. Butter suitable for export, stored in Sydney two months before judging: Bellina Co-operative Company, 1; Brooklet Dairy Company, 2. Table butter: C. Cameron, 1; W. Rankin, 2. Bacon: North Coast Co-operative Company. Hams: North Coast Company.

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MEETING OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE.

MR. BARTON'S ACTION CRITICISED.

A meeting of the St. Patrick's Day general committee was held at St. Mary's Presbytery last evening. Archbishop Kelly presided. A discussion took place on the action of Mr. Barton in declining to recognise the holiday proclaimed by the State Government of New South Wales

Houses and Land for Sale.

WOOLLAHRA.—Twenty good Building SITES, frontage Edgecliff-road and Chester-street, from £60 to £100 per lot. RAINE and HORNE, 86 Pitt-street.

DRUMMOYNE, Parramatta River.—A splendid factory site, deep-water frontage, having an area of over 1½ acre. Tram will pass the property. TORRENS TITLE. RAINE and HORNE, 86 Pitt-street.

ANDERSON ESTATE, CANTERBURY, ADJOINING BELMORE STATION. CHOICE BLOCKS, from 10c per foot upwards. EASY TERMS. PLANS RAINE and HORNE, 86 Pitt-street.

A FIRST-CLASS WATER FRONTAGE RESIDENCE, In the EASTERN SUBURBS, standing in beautifully TERRACED GROUNDS, containing 4 reception rooms, 7 bedrooms, domestic offices, BILLIARD ROOM, summer house, STABLING, &c. RAINE and HORNE, 86 Pitt-street. Tel., 1088.

NEUTRAL BAY. A DESIRABLE WATER-FRONTAGE RESIDENCE (close to ferry), contg. wide hall, 2 reception rooms, 3 bedrooms, dressing-room, servant's room, man's room, and all domestic offices. LAND, ½ of an acre, tastefully laid out as ORCHARD, GRASS TENNIS COURT, and with every regard to the beauty of the SITUATION, commanding unsurpassed views of the HARBOUR. Fuller particulars RAINE and HORNE, 86 Pitt-street. Tels., 1088 or 2661.

WOOLLAHRA, close Bondi Junction, SITUATED on a CORNER ALLOTMENT, a fine Brick COTTAGE, contg. draw. and din. room, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, kit., &c., every modern convenience. TORRENS TITLE. Full particulars RAINE and HORNE, 86 Pitt-street.

AUBURN, Auburn Park Est.—LOTS 13 to 15, sec. 1 Lots 10 to 13, sec. 4; total area, 7 acres 35 perches, must be sold to close accounts, no reasonable offer refused. S. T. RODD, Estate Agent, 80A Pitt-street.

BLACKHEATH.—North and Bonnefin's Subdivision. —LOTS 6 and 11, section 2; LOT 1, and portions of Original LOTS 2 to 4, section 14; total area, 3a. 0r. 32½p. TITLE TORRENS. Must be sold to close accounts in deceased estate, no reasonable offer refused. S. T. RODD, Estate Agent, 80A Pitt-street.

FIVE DOCK, Friend's Paddock.—Beautiful Residential SITE, with frontage of 115ft. 2in. to GREAT NORTH-ROAD, by 150ft. deep. Freehold, £2 per ft. (Fol. 203) S. T. RODD, 80A Pitt-street.

FIVE DOCK.—Block of LAND, having frontage of 100ft. to King's-road by a depth of 150ft., along Cross-street. Title Torrens. 12s 6d per ft. Bargain. S. T. RODD Estate Agent, 80A Pitt-street.

ADJOINING CITY BOUNDARY, close to CLEVELAND-STREET, REDFERN, Fine Level BLOCK, 131 x 84½, lane at rear, SPLENDID SITE FOR FACTORY, Bulk Store, or TERRACE. TORRENS TITLE. Price, £4 10s per foot. S. T. RODD, Estate Agent, 80A Pitt-street.

BALMAIN.—TERRACE INVESTMENT. 8 dwellings, brick, on stone, each 4 rooms, &c., FREEHOLD, ANN. RENTAL £182 PER ANN., £1500. Bargain. S. T. RODD, 80A Pitt-street.

CATALOGUES NOW READY.—HOUSES and COTTAGES and INVESTMENT PROPERTIES for SALE. Sent post free on application. S. T. RODD, Estate Agent, 80A Pitt-street.

FOR SALE.

NEWTOWN.—Three new COTTAGES, each 4 rooms, kit., every convenience, rents £104, price £1100.

NEWTOWN.—Two New COTTAGES, each 4 rooms, kit., &c., rents £72 16s, price £700.

NEWTOWN.—One New COTTAGE, 4 rooms, kit., &c., stables and shed, rent £41 12s, price £400.

ENMORE.—Four New COTTAGES, 4 rooms, kit., &c., rents £144 4s, price £1250.

BENJAMIN JAMES, 48 Castlereagh-street.

LACKEY ESTATE, 12½ miles from Sydney, Easy distance of station. Good roads, Subdivided in from 1 to 9 acre Blocks soil good, Sydney water. £5 10s to £10 an acre. Terms, 10s an acre deposit, balance 5s an acre per month, 5 per cent. interest. Public School and Post-office. Torrens Title. BOYD and KING, 94 Pitt-street.

A BARGAIN.—STANMORE.—Pretty specially well-built COTTAGE, hall, 4 rooms, kitchen, pantry, bathroom, laundry, tiled verandah and hearths, close tram and train, splendid value, only £430 cash, or very easy terms. TORRENS. INTERCOLONIAL INVESTMENT COMPANY, Ltd., 14 Moore-street, city.

STANMORE, handy to station and close to Annandale tram (2d section).—Good BUILDING SITES, Stafford and other streets, from £3 15s foot, easy terms, streets made, kerbed, and guttered; selling well, numbers of new buildings going up. Liberal assistance to build. Words of inspection. Plans from W. J. DOUGLAS, 14 Moore-street, near G.P.O.; or office on Estate, Stafford and Salisbury streets. (Take Annandale tram to Bridge-road.)

RANDWICK.—For SALE, faithfully-built 5-story HOUSE, brick, stone foundation, splendid healthy position, Alison-road, overlooking sea, 10 rooms, kitchen, laundry, outhouses, &c., suitable private family, school, or boarding establishment, cost £2800, price £1400, deposit £500, balance long term, great bargain, owner leaving Sydney. Apply S. SULLIVAN, 21 Bligh-street, city.

MILSON'S POINT.—Pair fine Brick HOUSES, each 8 rooms, kit., laundry, bathroom, &c., land 24 x about 130, Torrens title, price £1600; exceedingly easy terms. STANWAY and SLACK, Milson's Point.

INVESTMENTS at NORTH SYDNEY.—Two Pairs Brick COTTAGES, each 3 rooms, kit., &c., land to each pair, 30ft x 115, lane 20ft. wide at rear, yearly rent £305, pr. £900 or £450 per pair, easy terms. Terrace of 5 Houses, each 5 rms., kit., laundry, bathroom, &c., land ab. 90 x 120, yrly. rent £213, freehold, pr. £2400. Pair Bk. Houses, 4 rms. to Milson's-rd, ferry, yearly rent £91, price £1000. STANWAY and SLACK, Milson's Point.

MOSMAN.—LAND, corner Military and Spit roads, for sale or to be Let, on 99 years' lease, admitted to be the best business site in Mosman. STANWAY and SLACK, Milson's Point.

NEWTOWN.—Well-elevated Detached Brick COTTAGE, hall, 4 rooms, kitchen, tiled-in stove, pantry, laundry enclosed, tiled verandah and hearths, fanlights over all doors, slate roof, side entrance, iron railings, gas, sewer, near tram; inspection any afternoon; £425. Lewis, Roberts-street, near Australia-street.

ANNANDALE.—Fine COTTAGE HOME, 7 rooms, kit., bath, laundry, pantry, coachhouse, two-stall stables, large workshop, land 33 x 186 to lane at back, handy tram. £550. FOORD and LOWE, Annandale.

STANMORE.—Beautiful Cottage RESIDENCE, 5 large rooms, kitchen, bath, laundry, pantry, &c., handy tram or train, recently renovated, land 33 x 100; only £750; owner leav. col. Foord and Lowe, Annandale.

SPECIAL OFFER.—If you own an Allotment of Land, and have not the funds available for building, call on us. We are prepared to erect Cottage or House on same to your own requirements. No cash required. Or you can pay a deposit, and we will purchase the land and build for you. Plans and specifications free. No fees or extras. Call for particulars. Inquiries invited. GIFFORD and CO., 82 Pitt-street.

NORTH SYDNEY.—New tram will pass the door.—Pretty new Brick COTTAGE, 6 rooms, &c. Handsome COTTAGE, brick on stone, 6 rooms, kit., laundry, bath, fine views. Apply 417 Miller-street, beyond Falcon-street; or ANDERSON and MACKINTOSH, 93 Pitt-st., city.

A BARGAIN.—For SALE, easy terms, 8-roomed HOUSE, western suburbs, excellent state repair, splendid situation, 3 minutes railway station, cost £1250, price £950. JOHNSTON, Treasury, Macquarie-place.

CHARMING Country Home.—Comfortable COTTAGE, good outbuildings, orchard, paddocks, splendid position, very healthy, suit poultry, gift, £800. J. K., East Minto.

VAUCLUSE ESTATE, between Parsley Bay and Watson's Bay.—A few Unsold LOTS, deep-water frontage, choice positions. Apply J. HORNE, 2 Hunter-street; or W. JOHNSTON, Watson's Bay. Telephone, 3343.

FOR SALE, desirable PROPERTY, Gib Farm, midway Bowral and Mittagong, beautiful house, area 20 acres, orchard, flower gardens, lucerne paddocks, good water supply. Particulars C. WATERS, Gib Farm, Mittagong.

BOWRAL.—For SALE or to Let, a Cottage RESIDENCE, six rooms, kitchen, bathroom, &c., good orchard, two acres of land, good supply of water. Apply J. HORTON, Bong Bong-street.

COTTAGE, Camperdown, 5 rooms, kitchen, &c., £275; C. Farm, 10 acres, good soil, near city, £300; 2 W.B. Cottages, Balmain, ea. 3 rooms, let 7s ea., £200; Shop and Dwelling, Balmain, let at 12s, £200; several splendid Blocks Land, handy suburbs, cheap. HOWARD and CO., 11 Australian-chambers, Bowes-st.

A GIFT.—50 Acres FARM, Orchard, good soil, near Sydney, House, 6 rooms, furnished, outoffices, sheds, farm implements, cart, dogcart, 2 horses, cow and calf, £275. HOWARD and CO., 11 Australian-chambers, Bowes-st.

RUSHCUTTER BAY, QUEEN'S-AVENUE. A SEMI-DETACHED RESIDENCE, 6 rooms, kitchen, laundry, bathroom, &c., shed, nice piece ground, leasehold, 37 years to run, low ground rent. WALKER BROS., 108 Pitt-street.

TO GROCERS.—A Chance seldom met with.—For SALE or to LET, 3 SHOPS and Dwelling, low price or low rent, a going business, estab. 12 years, every convenience, connected with sewer. C. K. SCOTLAR, Croydon Station.

STERLING Freehold Investment.—Splendid Terrace of 7 good substantial Houses, each 5 r., kit., &c., land 132 x 120 to lane, handy city, bedrock rents £208; price £1950, cost £1500. JOHN PUGH, 235A George-st., Sydney.

NEWTOWN, Wilson-street, close Pine-street.—Block of LAND, about 33ft. by 90ft., at £6 per foot cash. J. W. CRANE, Post Office-chambers, 114A Pitt-street, opp. G.P.O.

DULWICH HILL, near the tram.—Splendid Building ALLOTMENT, 40 x 200 to a lane, Torrens title, 40s per foot, easy terms. G. E. GILL and CO., 89 Pitt-street; and Enmore tram terminus.

LEWISHAM HEIGHTS.—Handy to station, corner of good street, splendid BLOCK, 67 x 132ft., Torrens title, £3 15s per foot. G. E. GILL and CO., 89 Pitt-street; and Enmore tram terminus.

REDFERN, Regis-street.—HOUSE, brick on stone, slate roof, hall, 5 rooms, kitchen, bath, fixed tubs, w.h., copper, &c., title freehold; price £450. WM. HENDERSON, 636 Crown-street, S. H.

REDFERN.—HOUSE, containing 6 rooms, hall, bathroom, gas, good yard, T. t., £600. Apply 87 Great Buckingham-street, Redfern.

ANNANDALE.—Good BUILDING SITES, 1d ferry, 2d tram city. Sydney Freehold Co., 113 Pitt-st.

FOR immediate Sale, 2 semi-det. HOUSES, Stanmore, 9 rooms, &c. 89 P.O.-chambers, Pitt-st.

RESIDENTIAL.—Land for Sale, choice sites, Mosman, Killarney, Chiswick, Burwood, Hornsby, Hunter's Hill, Lane Cove, Gordon, Pymble, Chatswood, Willoughby, Lindfield, Roseville, Wahroonga, Warrawee, Turramurra, Hornsby, Normanhurst, Waitara, Wollstonecraft, Greenwich, Northwood, Longueville, Lewisham, Petersham, Summer Hill, Stanmore, Enmore, Newtown, Erskineville, Alexandria, Waterloo, Redfern, Waverley, Bondi, Woollahra, Paddington, Randwick, Coogee, Kensington, Kingsford, Maroubra, Botany, Rockdale, Kogarah, Hurstville, Sutherland, Cronulla, Miranda, Sans Souci, Sylvania, Caringbah, Gymea, Oatley, Como, Jannali, Sutherland, Waterfall, Heathcote, Engadine, Menai, Liverpool, Campbelltown, Camden, Penrith, Richmond, Windsor, Parramatta, Granville, Auburn, Lidcombe, Concord, Ryde, Hunter's Hill, Gladesville, Hornsby, Chatswood, Willoughby, Lane Cove, Manly, Brookvale, Dee Why, Narrabeen, Pittwater, Hawkesbury, Blue Mountains, Bathurst, Orange, Wellington, Dubbo, Mudgee, Gulgong, Molong, Forbes, Parkes, Young, Cootamundra, Wagga, Albury, Goulburn, Yass, Queanbeyan, Bega, Moruya, Nowra, Kiama, Wollongong, Port Kembla, Bulli, Thirroul, Austinmer, Clifton, Coalcliff, Scarborough, Wombarra, Coledale, Otford, Stanwell Park, Helensburgh

Auction Sales.

IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION.

TO SADDLERY TRADE, IRONMONGERS, COUNTRY BUYERS, DEALERS, and OTHERS.

ON ACCOUNT OF THOSE CONCERNED,

AT THE ROOMS, 12 BARRACK-STREET, THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, AT 11 O'CLOCK SHARP,

J in Diamond.

3 CASES, containing 34 SETS BEST ENGLISH BLACK BUGGY HARNESS, Bridle, Sensible Winkers, Piped Checks, Brown Hand Part Reins; 1¼ Traces, 4-row stitched; Assorted 4 and Patent Leather Saddles, Solid Nickel Furniture; Whole Buckles, assorted patterns.

5 CASES, EACH 10 SETS, Oplate Collar and Hames; American Harness, 1in. trace and hame tug; 18 and 19 Collars.

2 CASES, EACH 80 DOZ., NICKEL-PLATED SNAFFLE BITS.

TRAVERSI AND CO. A will sell as above, at their Rooms, 12 Barrack-street, THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, March 12, at 11 o'clock sharp.

To the Retail Drapery Trade, Dealers, and Others.

UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION, at the ROOMS, 12 BARRACK-STREET, TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, MARCH 13, at 11 o'clock sharp.

On Account of those Concerned, WITH ALL FAULTS. DAMAGED BY WATER.

1 Case MEN'S PRINTED MOLESKIN TROUSERS 1 Case GIRLS' STRIPED PINAFORES. 1 Case HYMN AND PRAYER BOOKS.

Also, GENERAL DRAPERY, CLOTHING, WOOLLENS MEN'S, BOYS' and YOUTHS' HATS HOSIERY, DRESS MATERIALS,

Also, SMALL RETAIL STOCK.

TRAVERSI AND CO. A will sell as above, at their Rooms, TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, March 13, at 11 o'clock sharp.

THIS DAY, AT 11 O'CLOCK SHARP.

On the Premises of the E. S. WALES MONT DE PIETE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT COMPANY, 74 Castlereagh-street.

SUNDRIES, comprising Gold and Opera Glasses, Books, Cutlery, Cruets Alfred's Sextants, by Hezzanith, Plated Dessert Forks and Spoons, Revolvers, &c. Musical Instruments, Clocks, &c., 3 Bicycles,

JOHN P. LISTER has received instructions from the New South Wales Mont de Piete Deposit and Investment Company to sell by auction, on their premises, 74 Castlereagh-street, As above,

THIS DAY, AT 11 O'CLOCK. JOHN P. LISTER will sell by Auction, at his Rooms, 247 Pitt-street, The Unredeemed Clothing pledged with Mr. M. FRANKS, of 8 Botany-road, comprising— Clothing, Boots, Blankets, &c.

TO DEALERS AND OTHERS.

HYAM HAINS has received instructions from the Mortgagees to Sell by Public Auction, THIS DAY (Wednesday), at 11 a.m., on the Premises, No. 128 FLINDERS-STREET, Moore Park,

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS, Magnificent PIANO (Spangenberg), Walnut Frame 4 Band, Mirrors, Water Colours, Gleographs Chimney Tables, Rattan and Austrian Furniture Rail Stand, Linoleum, Oilcloth, Carpets Bedsteads and Bedding, Combination Drawers Bin Chairs, Tables, Whatnots, Wardrobes, Miscellaneous Furniture, Glass, Crockery, Utensils, Sundries, &c., &c.

NO RESERVE. TERMS CASH.

Auctioneer's Offices: 243 PITT-STREET.

To Engineers, Timsmiths, Galvanised Iron Workers, Manufacturers, Machinists, Dealers, and Others.

HYAM HAINS has received instructions to sell by public auction, on FRIDAY, the 14th instant, at 11 a.m., on the Premises, corner of John-street and Botany-road, Waterloo,

Tangye Engine (3-horse power) and Boiler 21 feet of Tinsmiths' Iron for canisters 2 Circular Cutters, Panning-down Machine 3 Folding Machines, 6 Sets Rollers Swaging Machine, Burring Machine Knock-over Machine, Funnels, Stakes Bolt Irons, Grooving Machine 1 Bending and Crumpling Machines Paper-cutting Machine, Squeezing Machine Vice Press, Anvils, quantity of Wire, Benches Tube-grooving Machine with Horn and Force Low Press, Screw Presses, quantity Hand Tools 45 lin. Shafting and Pulleys Tumble Block, 1 large Gauging Machine Also Rams, Cart, and Harness.

NO RESERVE. TERMS, CASH. Every Line submitted must be Sold. The Sale to commence at 11 a.m. sharp on FRIDAY.

THURSDAY, 13th MARCH,

AT THE GRAFTON BOND, AT 3 P.M.

On Account of Whom it May Concern,

135 BALES CORNSACKS.

FRASER, UTHER, AND CO. will sell by auction, the above, on THURSDAY Inst. the 13th March, at 3 p.m.

TERMS: CASH.

FRIDAY, 14th MARCH, AT THE CITY MART, at 11.30 a.m.

FOR ABSOLUTE SALE.

THE PUNT MY LIE, 80 Tons Register, coppered and copper fastened.

THE PUNT CARRINGTON, 80 Tons Register, galvanised iron fastened.

FRASER, UTHER, AND CO. will sell by auction, the above.

Orders for inspection can be had at our Rooms.

RANDWICK.

WEDNESDAY, 26th MARCH, at 11 a.m.

IMPORTANT PRELIMINARY NOTICE to LADIES and GENTLEMEN Furnishing in good taste.

ATTRACTIVE UNRESERVED SALE by Public Auction of ELEGANT HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and Appointments, at the Residence of D. R. COMANS, Esq., "ALORA," MEARS-AVENUE, RANDWICK.

Full descriptive particulars of which will duly be published and catalogues prepared.

WALTER BRADLEY AND CO. have been favoured with instructions from D. R. Comans, Esq., to conduct the above sale of his Elegant Household Effects on WEDNESDAY, 26th MARCH, at 11 a.m.

TERMS, CASH. NO RESERVE.

UNDER BILL OF SALE.

TOTALLY UNRESERVED SALE OF THE Contents of a BIJOU RESIDENCE, Furnished in the LATEST STYLE, removed to the ROOMS from DONCASTER-AVENUE, KENSINGTON.

TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, MARCH 13th, at 11 o'clock.

The HANDSOME FURNISHINGS comprise—

Massive DINING FURNITURE, 9 pcs., LEATHER DINING SUITE, 5ft. CEDAR SIDEBOARD, Extension DINING TABLE, and DINNER WAGGON Magnificent Upright Grand PIANOFORTE, by Eminent Maker, in splendid order Exquisite DRAWING-ROOM and OCCASIONAL FURNITURE Handsome BEDROOM FURNISHINGS Useful LAUNDRY and KITCHEN UTENSILS.

DALWOOD AND CO., LTD. have received instructions from the HOLDERS of the BILL OF SALE to sell out every line WITHOUT ANY RESERVE.

AUCTION SALE.

TUESDAY, 18th MARCH, IN THE ROOMS, JUNCTION-STREET, NORTH SYDNEY, at 11 o'clock.

Good Useful Everyday Household FURNITURE and EFFECTS, comprising Piano, Sideboard, Dining Tables, Overmantels, Bookcase, Books, Ornaments, Carpets, Oilcloth, Easy Chairs, Aust. Chairs, Tables, Bedroom Suite, Wardrobe, Chests Drawers, 4, and Double Bedsteads and Bedding, Washstands, Crockery, Glassware, Cutlery, Kitchen Utensils, Ice Chest, Mangle, and Sundries.

D. J. M'INTYRE AND CO., AUCTIONEERS, 30 and 32 JUNCTION-STREET, NORTH SYDNEY.

AUCTION SALE, AT NEWPORT, PITTWATER, SATURDAY, 15th MARCH, at 2 p.m.

H. T. BODEY has received instructions from Mrs. Black who is relinquishing housekeeping) to sell by auction Furniture and Effects, also nice Skiff Boat, Paddles, all complete; Phaeton, nearly new; Sulky, Harness, Lady's Saddle, fast Pony, Garden Tools, Dairy Utensils, 2 Cows.

TERMS, CASH.

TO CROCKERYWARE and FANCY GOODS BUYERS, DEALERS, and Others. Under instructions from the Proprietor.

REMOVED FROM BALMAIN FOR UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION, at the MART, 309 PITT-STREET, City, on THURSDAY, 13th March, 1902, at 11 o'clock sharp.

VERY EXTENSIVE and WELL-ASSORTED STOCK. CROCKERYWARE, GLASSWARE, ENAMELWARE HOLLOWWARE, BRUSHWARE, IRONMONGERY TINWARE, CUTLERY, FANCY GOODS, VASES TOILET SETS, TEA SETS, DINNER SETS LAMPWARE, LARGE GLASS CASES.

HARRY ISAACS has received instructions to sell the above, WITHOUT THE SLIGHTEST RESERVE.

THIS DAY (Wednesday), at 2.—Two Perambulators, Go-carts, Chairs, Machines, Crockery, Pictures, Iron-mongery Tools, Fancy Goods, Clothing, Boots, &c. H. LEVY will sell by auction, at 135 Regent-street.

ABRIDGED ADVERTISEMENT.

HUNTER'S HILL.

To the Residents of Hunter's Hill and surrounding Suburbs, Ladies and Gentlemen Requiring Substantial Modern Furniture.

TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, MARCH 13. AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION, at COURCY, PERRY STREET, HUNTER'S HILL. Under instructions from MONS. PHILIPPE FRENAT, in consequence of LEAVING FOR FRANCE.

The Whole of his SUPERIOR FURNITURE and EFFECTS. VALUABLE MIGNON PIANOFORTE, &c., &c., AS SET FORTH IN LAST SATURDAY'S AUCTION COLUMNS.

FULL PARTICULARS in CATALOGUES, to be obtained at the offices of the Auctioneers, 128, 130 PITT-STREET, or forwarded to Ladies and Gentlemen on receipt of their addresses.

ON VIEW THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, from 10 o'clock a.m. till 5 p.m.

NOTE.—Intending Purchasers proceed by the PARRAMATTA RIVER STEAMERS from foot of KING-STREET to HUNTER'S HILL WHARF. THE RESIDENCE is only five minutes' walk from wharf.

JAMES R. LAWSON, Auctioneer, LAWSON, CAKO, and CO., LTD., has been favoured with instructions from MONS. PHILIPPE FRENAT to conduct the Important Sale by Auction, at his residence, as above.

NEXT SATURDAY. CLEARANCE SALE.

PARKER'S ESTATE, GORE HILL, NORTH SYDNEY, close to ST. LEONARDS STATION.—The ELECTRIC TRAM PASSES THE LAND.

A UNIQUE SITE commanding panoramic views of the Harbour, Parramatta and Lane Cove Rivers, with the Mountains in the distance. The surroundings are well improved.

5 GOOD BUILDING LOTS. LANE COVE-ROAD, at the corner of GREENWICH-ROAD.

AUCTION SALE, ON THE GROUND. NEXT SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 1902, at 3 p.m.

HARDIE and GORMAN, Auctioneers. Title Torrens. Terms, ¼ cash, and the balance in 6, 12, and 18 months at 5 per cent. interest. Henry Salwey, Esq., 60 Castlereagh-street, Solicitor for Vendor.

NEXT SATURDAY. MUST BE SOLD TO CLOSE ACCOUNTS.

ST. LEONARDS PARK ESTATE, NORTH SYDNEY, just off main Lane Cove-road and Electric Tram to Gore Hill, and near St. Leonards Station. Lot 51, sec. 3, Park-road, 40 x 117½. Lot 54, sec. 3, Park-road, 40 x 117½. Lot 117, sec. 3, Portches-road, 40 x 120. Lots 15 and 16, sec. 3, Berry's-road, 80 x 117½, with lane at rear.

HARDIE and GORMAN will sell the above at auction ON THE GROUND NEXT SATURDAY, MARCH 15, at 3.30 p.m. (After the sale of Parker's Estate adjoining). Plan on view.

TWO GOOD BUILDING BLOCKS, ST. LEONARDS, opposite the Reserve, W. and near the station. Each 66ft. to RESERVE-ROAD (Lots 532 and 536), depth of 148 to 161 ft. to lane at rear. Grand elevated Land, adjoining Mr. Batty's Cottage. AUCTION SALE, On the Ground, NEXT SATURDAY, 15th March after the sale of Parker's Estate, on the main road. HARDIE and GORMAN, Auctioneers.

By order of the CURATOR OF INTESTATE ESTATES. Estate of J. W. Jones, deceased. VALUABLE CITY BUSINESS PREMISES,

No. 251 PITT-STREET,

a few feet north of PARK-STREET, the property for years occupied by Mr. Lucas as a Furniture Warehouse.

The Building is substantially built of brick, and contains shop, 7 rooms, and showroom. RENTAL, £468 yearly. LAND 36ft. to PITT-STREET, by depth of 130ft.

HARDIE and GORMAN have received instructions to sell by public auction, at the Saleroom, 133 Pitt-street, at 11.30 a.m. WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, The above-described valuable City Property, No. 254 PITT-STREET. Messrs. LAURENCE and M'LACHLAN, Wynyard-street, Solicitors for Vendor.

BOTANY, just off Botany-road, beyond Gardeners-road, 30ft. to TRAMWAY-STREET, by 85ft. deep, being Lot 12, Sec. 1 of Bay View Estate.

GOOD BUILDING BLOCK. AUCTION SALE, NEXT WEDNESDAY, 19th MARCH. HARDIE and GORMAN. Sale Rooms, 133 Pitt-street.

A GRAND OPPORTUNITY. A GOOD COUNTRY TOWN INVESTMENT. ROWE-TERRACE, ORANGE. 12 BRICK-BUILT HOUSES. TOTAL RENTS, £932 YEARLY. LAND 255ft. to BATHURST-ROAD, by 147ft. deep to lane at rear. Full particulars in "Herald" of 1st instant. HARDIE and GORMAN, of Sydney, in conjunction with Messrs. J. S. LEGGS and CO., of Orange, will sell the above Property by public auction, in the Sale Rooms, 133 Pitt-street, Sydney, NEXT WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19th, 1902. PHOTO ON VIEW.

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE. VACANT CITY BUILDING BLOCK, just off ELIZABETH-STREET, CLOSE TO BELMORE PARK and THE NEW RAILWAY STATION SITE. 36ft. 3in. to BLACKBURN-STREET. 36ft. to PORTER-STREET. A Builder for a TERRACE PROPERTY or serve as a FACTORY SITE.

HARDIE and GORMAN (in conjunction with Batt, Bodd, and Purves, Ltd.) will sell the above land by public auction on NEXT WEDNESDAY, 19th MARCH, 1902, at 11.30 a.m. SALE ROOMS, 133 PITT-STREET. Messrs. Perkins and Fosbery, Pitt-street, solicitors for mortgagee.

BERRY'S ESTATE, BAY and CROW'S NEST ROADS, NORTH SHORE RAILWAY LINE. 23 SPLENDID VILLA SITES. CHARMING HARBOUR VIEWS. ALMOST AT BAY-ROAD RAILWAY STATION.

This Subdivision of high land in a fast improving neighbourhood will be SUBMITTED to PUBLIC COMPETITION on the GROUND, on SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 1902, at 3 p.m., by HARDIE and GORMAN, in conjunction with MARSHALL AND DEMPSTER, PITT-STREET, opposite G.P.O. R. G. C. ROBERTS, Moore-street, city, Solicitor for the Estate.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT. To Trustees, Land Companies, and Investors Generally. PRINCIPAL BUSINESS POSITION, opp. Government Offices and Town Hall, BALMAIN, BALMAIN. Under instructions from the Executor in the Estate of ANN MOSSMAN, Deceased. SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 1902, at 3.30 p.m.

The Land has a frontage of 106ft. to Darling-street, Balmain, 125ft. to Rowntree-street and Gipps-street, together with Business Premises known as Nos. 261, 263, 265, 267, 269 Darling-street, and No. 2 Rowntree-street. Title freehold.

W. J. LAWS has been instructed to sell by auction, in the Real Property Rooms, 265 Darling-street, Balmain, on SATURDAY, March 22nd, at 3.30 p.m., The above Splendid Property. This Property is placed on the market for positive sale, to close accounts. Messrs. ELLIS and BUTTON, 78 Elizabeth-street, are Solicitors to the Estate.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., PROPERTY AUCTIONEERS and VALUERS, 90 PITT-STREET, SYDNEY.

ESTATES MANAGED and PROPERTIES LET.

VALUATIONS OF LAND for the LAND AND INCOME TAXES, on the unimproved basis of the Act, prepared with our accustomed care.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Limited,

IN THE ESTATE LATE FRANK BENNETT, Esq. SUBURBAN PROPERTIES,

Lot 1. NORTH ANNANDALE.—CORNER BLOCK of VACANT LAND, 163ft. to JOHNSTON-STREET and 140ft. 4in. to ALBION-STREET. Rear Boundary, 67ft. to lane. *,* Close to Parramatta-road. 24 tram section.

Lot 2. LONGUEVILLE.—WATERSIDE BLOCK of LAND, 4 acres 2 roods 21 perches, fronting LANE COVE RIVER. The other lines are:—324ft. to Mary-street, 653ft. to Kenneth-street, and 306ft. to Arabella-street. *,* Opposite the mansion and grounds of Joseph Palmer, Esq., and close to steamer's wharf.

Lot 3. LONGUEVILLE.—1 acre 1 rood 22 perches, fronting Lane Cove River, 317ft. to Mary-street, and 291ft. to Arabella-street, and adjoining Reserve.

Lot 4. ASHFIELD.—COTTAGE, at the corner of Liverpool-road and Lion-street. It is of weatherboard, rustic front, verandah in front, and containing hall, 4 rooms, kitchen, and washhouse. The land has 87ft. 7in. frontage to Liverpool-road and 121ft. to Lion-street, width at rear 50ft. *,* Between Ashfield and Croydon.

Lot 5. GRANVILLE.—EUNOMIA, a COTTAGE of weatherboards, on brick, verandah front and rear, and containing hall, 5 rooms, kitchen, pantry, washshed and small shed, stable, buggy shed, and man's room. The land has 80ft. frontage to Hutchinson-street, between Mary and William streets; on the heights, only 5 minutes' walk from station; depth 163ft.

Lot 6. GRANVILLE DISTRICT.—Land, 200ft. to CONSTANCE-STREET, depth 180ft.

Lot 7. COOGEE.—Allots. 4 and 5, Alleyne Park, 126ft. to Bream-street, depth 106¼ft.

Lot 8. RANDWICK.—Part of Allot. 3, Sec. C, Richmond-grove, 40ft. to Waverley-street, depth 180ft.

Lot 9. WAVERLEY.—Block of Land, 126ft. 3in. to YARRA-STREET, depth lines, 94ft. 3in. to 100ft. 3in.

Lot 10. MERRYLANDS.—Allotment 6, Woodside Estate, corner of Randle and Warrigah streets, 104ft. 9in. x 186ft.

Lot 11. PENRITH.—TWO SHOPS and Dwellings, HIGH-STREET, opposite Eiley-street, 5 minutes' walk of railway station. They are of brick, awning and balcony in front, and each containing 6 apartments, kitchen, and washshed. Land, 36ft. x 200ft.

Lot 12. SMITHFIELD.—Allotments 1 to 4, 10 to 13, 15, 18 to 23, 25 to 27, Sec. 1, frontages to Railway Viewparade, Jessie-street, and Smithfield-road. Total area, 7 acres 1 rood 35¾ perches.

Lot 13. SMITHFIELD.—7 Acres and 7 Perches, forming part of Sec. 3 and 4 of Subdivision, Cambridge-street, Central, Marlborough, and Fairfield roads.

Lot 14. SMITHFIELD.—4 Acres 3 Roods, Dawson-street and Hamilton-road.

Lot 15. BRISBANE WATER, Parish of Kincumber.—28 acres 2 roods, fronting two roads, being portion 64-12.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction, at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, 14th March, at 11.30 a.m., The above. Messrs. HOLDSWORTH and SON are Solicitors of the Estate. (6471)

IN THE ESTATE LATE S. BENNETT, Esq. WOOLLOOMOOLOO and NEWTOWN FREEHOLDS, viz.—

Lot 1.—CITY—CORNER PROPERTY, consisting of THREE HOUSES, Nos. 123 to 127 DOWLING-STREET; FIVE HOUSES, Nos. 2 to 10 WOOLLOOMOOLOO-LANE, and SHOP, No. 98 JUDGE-STREET. RENTAL, £241 10s. per annum. *,* Between William and Woolloomooloo streets. The Dowling-street dwellings are of brick, cemented and painted, balconies in front, and each containing half-hall, 4 rooms, bathroom, dining-room, and kitchen, copper. The Woolloomooloo-lane houses are of brick, slate roofs, verandahs in front, and each containing 4 rooms. Nos. 8 and 10 have kitchens added. No. 98 Judge-street, a Shop and Dwelling of Brick, containing 4 apartments and kitchen. The land has 44ft. 7in. to Dowling-street, 146ft. to Woolloomooloo-lane and 44ft. 7in. to Judge-street.

Lot 2.—CITY—TERRACE of SIX DWELLINGS, Nos. 141 to 151 BOURKE-STREET. Each house is of brick on stone, has verandah, 2 rooms, attic, and kitchen. The land has 72ft. frontage to Bourke-street with a depth of 95ft. extending to a lane. RENTAL, £171 12s per annum. *,* Between William and Woolloomooloo streets.

Lot 3.—CITY—TWO HOUSES, Nos. 121 and 123 BOURKE-STREET. They are of brick, painted, on stone, verandahs in front, and containing hall, 4 rooms, kitchen, attic room, bath in back verandah, washshed part wbds. RENTAL, £91 per annum. *,* A few yards south of Wilson-street. The land has 30ft. frontage to Bourke-street, with a depth of 95ft. extending to a lane.

Lot 4.—NEWTOWN—LARGE BLOCK of LAND, 122ft. to WILSON-STREET, by 378ft., with the following residences on part thereof:—WILLOW LODGE, a detached Villa of stone and brick, on stone, slate roof, verandah in front, and containing hall, 6 rooms, bathroom, detached washhouse of weatherboards; ROSEBANK, a detached Dwelling, of brick, painted, slate roof, verandahs, and containing hall, 7 rooms, 2 attic rooms, kitchen. *,* A few feet west of Queen-street. A splendid block for a factory or subdividing into allotments.

Lot 5.—NEWTOWN—BLOCK of VACANT LAND (abutting on to part of eastern line of Lot 4), having 193ft. to west side of QUEEN-STREET, depth 100ft. *,* A capital block for terrace of dwellings or a factory.

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45 ACRES 2 ROODS. BEAUTIFUL VIEWS. HEALTHY CLIMATE. GOOD SOIL. NEAR TO STATION, a celebrated early Grant, specially picked, known as Jenkins', LINDFIELD, on North Shore to Hornsby Line, and long held by the late JOHN S. MURRAY, Esq. The property enjoys the special advantages of ELEVATION, ATMOSPHERE, clear and crisp, practically in country, yet suburban, by its proximity to city, thus the benefits of cheap fare and quick journey. TITLE TORRENS. TO SPECULATORS for SUBDIVISION there is the certainty of a profit with a ready sale. The Executor desires to realise, and will do so in block in preference to waiting the collection of Subdivision proceeds. INSPECT and PURCHASE. AUCTION SALE, FRIDAY, March 14, at 11 o'clock. RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd. (6472)

GOOD BUILDING BLOCKS at RANDWICK. 132ft. 3in. to ST. MARK'S-ROAD, by depths of from 132ft. 3in. on one side to 115ft. 3in. on the other side. Title, Freehold. The Land adjoins Cheltenham College, and is close to Frenchman's-road, along which the tram runs. HARDIE and GORMAN will sell the above by public auction, at 11.30 a.m., on WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 1902. Salerooms: 133 Pitt-street.

ANOTHER SUBDIVISION OF YULE'S ESTATE (No. 8), DULWICH HILL, close to WARDELL-ROAD and FERN HILL RAILWAY STATIONS. BELMORE-CANTERBURY RAILWAY LINE, and the ELECTRIC TRAM, MARRICKVILLE-ROAD. Title, Torrens. Terms: One-fifth deposit and the balance in 3 years at 5 per cent. interest. AUCTION SALE ON THE GROUND ON SATURDAY, 5th APRIL, 1902. HARDIE and GORMAN, Auctioneers. Survey by Arthur W. Stephen. Plans ready shortly.

PRELIMINARY AUCTION NOTICE. WYATT'S ESTATE, BURWOOD. That magnificent Block of LAND, fronting BURWOOD-ROAD. Known as BURWOOD CRICKET GROUND, on area 14 acres 3 roods 30 perches, will be offered in Liberal allotments, on the Ground, at an early date. For further particulars see future advertisements. TORRENS TITLE. PLANS in Course of Preparation. HARDIE AND GORMAN, 133 PITT-STREET, in conjunction with MARSHALL AND DEMPSTER, PITT-STREET, opposite G.P.O. R. G. C. ROBERTS, Moore-street, city, Solicitor for the Estate.

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ELEVEN O'CLOCK PROMPT, to Precede the Usual Sale. BUILDING LEASE of that exceptionally valuable and centrally situated CITY CORNER, CASTLEREAGH AND MARKET STREETS, having frontages of 106ft. to the North side of Market-street 85ft. to the West side of Castlereagh-street.

FOR A TERM OF 30 YEARS, with a Building Covenant of £7500 (seven thousand five hundred pounds sterling). *,* A very valuable and important Business Corner, suitable as a site for the erection of a PILE of MODERN BUILDINGS, with SHOP PREMISES on the FRONTAGE.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 14th MARCH, 11 o'clock PROMPT, The above Building Lease of a CITY CORNER, Capital Site for HOTEL or THEATRE. (6518)

BEXLEY OR ROCKDALE HEIGHTS. CAMELOT, A substantially-built, attractive, and comfortable RESIDENCE of brick on stone foundation, slate roof, balcony front and rear, and containing hall, drawing, dining, and breakfast rooms, 3 bedrooms, bathroom with heater, pantry, kitchen, and laundry, loose box and sulky shed. *,* There are a large number of choice roses in the garden, ornamental trees, TENNIS COURT, &c.

The LAND has 126ft. frontage to FOREST-ROAD (between Harrow-road and Frederick-street), with a depth of 253ft. on one side and 306ft. on the other side. The width at rear is 145ft. An elevated position in a healthy and popular railway suburb on the Illawarra line. CARDS to view Camelot on application to the Auctioneers.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction, at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, 14th March, at 11.30 a.m., The above delightfully situated Home, within 12 minutes' walk of Rockdale station. (6508)

In the ESTATE late Mr. JOHN M'LEOD. CLEARANCE SALE OF SUBURBAN LANDS.

1. Rockdale.—Lots 2 and 3, sec. 1, Ocean View Estate, having 140ft. frontage to the Forest-road, between Harrow-road and Dunmore-street, with a depth of 164ft. 6in. on one side and 117ft. on the other, extending to Short-street, to which it has 132ft. frontage.
2. Lady Robinson's Beach.—Lot 12, section 2, Brighton Estate, having 50ft. frontage to Gordon-street, with a depth of 150ft.
3. Granville.—Part of Lot 6, section G, of Nobb's Subdivision, having 144ft. to Railway-street, depth 200ft., running to a point.
4. Parish of Minto, Great Southern Line.—15 Acres, being lots 8a, 4s, 5a, and 6a of the Gledswood Estate (Munro's Subdivision), fronting a road off Cowpastures-road and to the Sydney water supply canal.

AUCTION SALE, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, MARCH 14, at 11 o'clock. RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd. (6485)

STAR HOTEL. MORT-STREET, BALMAIN, between Cameron-street and Dock Ferry. Preliminary Notice.

LAND, 66ft. frontage by depth of 99ft. Hotel is built of brick, painted, on stone foundations, slate roof, awnings and balcony in front, covered area at rear, and contains bar, hall, 3 parlours, dining and sitting rooms, 7 other rooms, pantry, kitchen, bathroom, and washhouse, wooden stable at rear. It is under lease for 10 years from April 1, 1899, at rental of £2 per week. AUCTION SALE, FRIDAY, March 14, at 11 o'clock. Messrs. Allen, Allen, and Hemsley are the solicitors. RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd. The above Hotel, nearly opposite Mort's Dock. (6477)

CITY FREEHOLDS.

1st.—TERRACE of FIVE HOUSES, Nos. 22 to 30 IRVING-STREET, off Abercrombie-street, near George-street West. Each dwelling is of brick, fronts cemented, balcony, 4 rooms, kitchen, and washshed. Land 60ft. frontage, with a depth extending to right-of-way. Rental, £128 10s per annum.

2nd.—HOUSE, No. 33 CARLTON-STREET, off Irving-street, a few feet from lot 1. It is of brick, front cemented, balcony, 4 rooms, kitchen, and washshed. The Land has —ft. frontage, with a depth along a right-of-way extending to back entrance.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction at the Rooms, on Friday, 14th March, at 11.30 a.m., The above. (6513)

A Delightful Situation, adjoining the CENTENNIAL PARK at WAVERLEY.

A Detached Well-built COTTAGE RESIDENCE, known as "HIRSCHVILLE," fronting the east side of STANLEY-STREET, a short distance south of Birrell-street. The Land has 69ft. frontage to Stanley-street, with a depth of 128ft. along portion of the northern boundary of the park, and extending to a lane at rear. Torrens Title.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 21st March, at 11 o'clock, The above Property at Waverley. Inspection invited. (6522)

PARRAMATTA RIVER. WATER FRONTAGE SITE, No. 115 CHURWICK ESTATE, having 66ft. to FORFESCUE-STREET with a depth of 200ft. on one side and 224ft. on the other, extending to waters of PARRAMATTA RIVER. TORRENS TITLE.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction, at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, 14th March, at 11.30 a.m., The above. W. H. DREW, Esq., is Solicitor of Owner. (6514)

MOSMAN. DOUBLE-CORNER BLOCK OF LAND, having 213ft. frontage to south side of MILITARY-ROAD, 126ft. along WADGONG-STREET, and 135ft. 6in. along CARDINAL-STREET. *,* A Splendid Block of Building Land, on the Heights of Mosman, fronting Military-road, near Cowles-road.

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HANDWICK, near WAVERLEY.

GOOD BLOCK of BUILDING LAND, 40ft. to ORANGE-STREET and 40ft. to HOOPER-STREET, with a depth through of 86ft. *,* Part of Grandview Estate, near Carrington-road.

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OFF KING-STREET, BOTANY. 40 FEET frontage to PONSONBY-STREET x 126 feet, paling fenced, and with 3 sheds, water, &c. Torrens title. AUCTION SALE, FRIDAY, 14th MARCH, at 11 o'clock. RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd. (6510)

POSITIVE SALE. 1. CROYDON.—A Cottage Villa, known as "Herringer," fronting Croydon-road, close to Elizabeth-street; Land 56ft. x 230ft., extending back to Croydon-avenue. The cottage is built of brick, and contains 7 rooms, kitchen, and washhouse. Torrens title. 2. RIVERSTONE.—Lots 25 and 26, sec. 38, Roseberry Park Estate, in area 6 acres 1 rood 26 perches, fronting Wilson-street, off Windsor-road, opposite Mr. Cornwall's property. Torrens Titles. Plan on view at Rooms. AUCTION SALE at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 14th MARCH, at 11 o'clock. RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd. (6503)

INTEREST UNDER WILL. The ONE-FOURTH Share or Interest of Mrs. Angela M. Fitzpatrick, wife of O. A. S. Fitzpatrick, in and to which she is entitled under the will of Mr. Charles Thomas, late of Goulburn. Copy of the Will and any further particulars obtainable at the Rooms of the Auctioneers. AUCTION SALE at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 14th MARCH, at 11 o'clock. RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd. (6484)

BY ORDER OF THE PERPETUAL TRUSTEE CO., Ltd., as Administrators of the Estate late JOSEPH MACDONALD.

MANLY. adjoining the residence of A. Dean, Esq., J.P., overlooking the Bay and close to Ferry Wharf, LEONA, a Delightfully Situated, Massively-built, Attractive, and Commodious RESIDENCE, in the occupation of W. T. SMELLIE, Esq. The LAND has 112ft. frontage to ESPLANADE WEST, with a depth of 165ft. and 172ft. through to Gilbert-street, to which the frontage is 112ft.

TITLE TORRENS ACT.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, 21st March, at 11.30 a.m., The above, full particulars of which will appear in future advertisements. INSPECTION BY CARD ONLY. (6512)

WETHERILL-STREET, LEICHHARDT. BRICK RESIDENCE, No. 24, next to Wesleyan Church, and tenanted by Mr. Peter Cunningham, a pleasant position and very convenient. Land, 31ft. x 126ft. HOUSE is two-storied, of brick, cemented, having verandah and balcony, hall, 4 rooms, kitchen, pantry, washhouse, close to Norton-street, Town Hall, and trams. Torrens Title. Easy Terms. AUCTION SALE, FRIDAY, 21st MARCH, at 11 o'clock. RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd. (6490)

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LOT 1.—GREENTREE HOTEL, fronting Harvey-street, Cottage No. 53 Harvey-street; Cottage No. 2 Little John-street; and Cottage at rear. Title, Leasehold. Hotel portion has 49

Funerals.

ALCOCK.—The Funeral of the late Mr. THOMAS MATTHEW ALCOCK will move from his late residence, Maidstone, Waltham-street, Coogee Bay, THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at 12.45, for the Mortuary Station, thence by 2.53 train to the Necropolis.
Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON,
Undertakers,
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WATTERS.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. GORDON WATTERS are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved MOTHER; to move from their residence, Mon, Gibbes-street, Rockdale, TO-MORROW (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 1 o'clock, for Balmain Cemetery. By train sent, no flowers. CHAS. KINSELA, Undertaker, Rockdale, opp. station; and 705 George-street, city. Tel., 993, and 6 Reg.

MATTHES.—The Friends of the late Mr. HENRY MATTHES are respectfully invited to attend his Funeral; to leave Prince Alfred Hospital, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.15, for the Necropolis, via Mortuary Station.
COFFILL and COMPANY.
Central Office, 812 George-street;
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Tel., 424, &c.

MATTHES.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. M'CULLOCH, of Woollahra, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved BROTHER, Mr. Henry Matthas; to leave Prince Alfred Hospital, THIS DAY, Wednesday, at 1.30 p.m., for Rookwood Cemetery.

PAST. OF A., PADDINGTON LODGE, No. 48.—Officers and Brethren are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of Brother R. MATTHES; to leave Prince Alfred Hospital on WEDNESDAY, at 1.15 p.m., for Rookwood Cemetery.
J. ROBINSON, W.M.
R. PUFFETT, Sec.

SMITH.—The Friends of the deceased Mr. JOHN SMITH are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; to move from his residence, 56 Taylor-street, Annandale, THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at 1.45, for the Necropolis.
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SAVAGE.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. THOMAS SAVAGE are invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved infant DAUGHTER, Gladys Walden Savage; to move from their residence, 827 George-street, Sydney, THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock for interment at Rookwood Cemetery. T. J. ANDREWS.

FOSTER.—The Friends and Relatives of Mrs. FOSTER are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late dearly loved SON, Howard; to move from the residence of his uncle, Mr. P. Foster, Helensburgh, THIS AFTERNOON, at 3.30, for C. P. Cemetery, Helensburgh.
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Public Service Tender Board,
Sydney, 24th February, 1902. (9b-87)

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